

FBI targets Oregon's top 5 fugitive bank robbers from 2006

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Pepper-spray bandit, Cowboy bandit, The Golfer, The Masked Man, & The Hooded Woman are being sought by the FBI as Oregon's top five outstanding bank robbery cases in 2006.

The FBI in Oregon has identified the Top Five outstanding bank robbery cases for 2006. These robberies were chosen based on threats made, the type of robbery and/or identifying characteristics that may help the public identify the suspects. Anyone with information about any of these robberies is asked to call the FBI at (503) 224-4181.

PEPPER SPRAY BANDIT

This tall, heavy-set bank robber may be responsible for as many as five separate incidents in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington. All of the robberies were unusual "takeover" style robberies in which the suspect announced his attentions to everyone in the bank. In all cases, he also locked the employees and customers into the bank's bathroom before leaving. In at least two of the robberies, he left the scene on a red bicycle.

The first robbery happened at about noon on October 24 at the Bank of America branch located at 203 A Street East in Rainier, Oregon. The suspect carried a small device in his hand (possibly an electronic device or pepper spray). The suspect threatened one bank employee before forcing all the employees to the bathroom floor. He left on foot.

The second robbery took place at about 5:15 p.m. on December 11 at the First Independent Bank located at 1215-A Lewis River Rd in Woodland, Washington. In this incident, he pushed a customer in front of him, possibly using her as a shield.

The third robbery happened at about 4:45 p.m. on December 20 at The Bank of the Pacific branch located at 3410 Highway 101 North in Gearhart, Oregon. In this case, he picked up a manager and forced the manager to the teller counter. Again, he carried a small device in his hand and ordered employees to the bathroom floor before leaving.

The fourth robbery took place at 4:40 p.m. on December 27 at the Key Bank branch located a 1217 NE 99th Street in the Hazel Dell area of Vancouver, Washington. Again, he picked up a manager and pushed the manager toward the teller counter. He implied a weapon in this case.

The fifth robbery took place at 11:15 a.m. on December 28 at the Great Northwest Federal Credit Union located at 7-5 S. SR 103 in Long Beach, Washington. In that robbery, he actually used pepper spray on employees.

Description

White man Age: 30's to 40's Height: 6'2 - 6'4" Build: Medium, strong, athletic Eyes: Possibly hazel

Clothing: A variety of outfits, including large green rain jacket with an emblem on the left arm (Gearhart), a black hooded rain jacket with a light vertical stripe (Rainier), a tan/yellow jacket (Hazel Dell), a dark blue windbreaker with hood (Woodland) a variety of gloves (white surgical, clear, black and half-finger winter gloves), a black mask (Long Beach, Woodland, Gearhart and Hazel Dell)

COWBOY BANDIT

The "Cowboy bandit" is one of the FBI's "top five outstanding bank robbers of 2006".

The "Cowboy Bandit" robbed the Bank of America branch located at 4684 NW Bethany Boulevard, Portland, on December 14, 2006 at about 5:55 p.m. While speaking with a personal banker, he handed the employee a letter demanding that she announce to everyone in the bank that he was robbing it. During the robbery, he displayed a dark handgun inside his jacket and was holding either a two-way radio or police scanner.

After receiving an undisclosed amount of cash, the robber took away the employees' cell phones, ripped a phone off the wall and locked the employees in a break room. In an unusual twist, surveillance cameras show him leaving the bank and returning a few minutes later, only to leave again. Investigators believe he may have been waiting for a getaway driver to show up. He was last seen in the parking lot walking in the direction of the Walgreens at about 6:20 p.m.

Description

Black man Age: Late 30's to early 40's Height: 6'0 - 6'5 Build: Medium Other: Long face Facial hair: Fake beard and mustache Wearing: Glasses, bandage over his nose, dark cowboy hat with brown band, black suit jacket, white collared shirt with dark buttons, dark gloves, tight black pants, dark shoes. Other: Carrying several large black bags

This robber should be considered armed and dangerous. He had been in and out of the bank on multiple occasions in the week preceding the robbery, asking questions about different kinds of accounts.

THE GOLFER

"The Golfer" walked into the Wells Fargo Bank branch located at 12240 N. Jantzen Drive in Portland at about 12:40 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2007. He approached a teller, threatened the teller, demanded cash and left on foot.

Description

White man Age: Late 30's Height: Approximately 6'2" Weight: Approximately 170 pounds Hair: Brown Facial Hair: Unshaven, with a shadow beard Clothing: Dark baseball hat, blue and green golf shirt and blue jeans

MASKED MAN

The "Masked Man" robbed the Homestreet Bank located at 22 NW 23rd in Portland at about 5:20 p.m. on November 28. He stands out because he entered the bank wearing a white surgical mask. Also, in an unusual twist, he announced to everyone in the bank that it was a robbery before demanding cash from two tellers and fled on foot.

Description

White man Age: Mid 30's Height: 5'10" Build: Thin Clothing: Dark knit hat, khaki cargo pants, gray hooded sweatshirt and sunglasses

HOODED WOMAN

The "Hooded Woman" robber hit the U.S. Bank branch at about 11:50 a.m. located at 7200 NE Fremont in Portland on December 12. In one of the few bank robberies committed by a woman in Oregon this year, she threatened to hurt the teller if she didn't receive cash. She left the bank and was seen entering a teal colored

compact car in the parking lot.

Description

White woman Age: Late 40's to early 50's Height: 5'2" - 5'4" Build: Stocky Clothing: Black winter coat with hood pulled over much of her face Anyone with information about any outstanding bank robbery case is encouraged to call the FBI at (503) 224-4181.

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