

Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: 07/27/16 **From**: Sgt. B.Taylor (707) 445-7251

Subject: Robbery Case: 201603821

On Wednesday, July 27 2016 at about 3:23 p.m., Humboldt County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to the Tri-Counties Bank at 1630 Central Ave. in Mckinleyville for a robbery just occurred. Bank employee's reported a male subject wearing a black hooded sweatshirt/ black, full face mask entered the business. The suspect, later identified as John Walter Wilson aged 58 of Fieldbrook, walked up to a teller, demanded cash and reached towards the rear of his waistband to indicate he possessed a firearm. The suspect stated to several employees that he had a gun.

The teller provided the suspect with an undisclosed amount of cash, which he placed in a bag and fled the scene. As he fled, a female citizen gave chase and was assaulted by Wilson. She and several other citizens successfully detained Wilson until deputy arrival. The citizen assaulted by Wilson received a non-life threatening injury. Wilson was transported to Mad River Hospital, where he was treated and released for minor injuries sustained while being detained by the citizens.

Wilson was transported to the HCCF to be booked on charges of Robbery, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Criminal Threats, Assault/Battery and PC 185 Wearing a mask during the commission of a crime.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

Mike Downey Sheriff

