

Probable Cause statement for complaint and warrant

On Friday October 30, 2009 Sawyer County Sheriff's Department Investigator Daniel Ross was assigned to assist with a bank robbery at the Dairyland State Bank in the Village of Exeland in Sawyer County Wisconsin. Investigator Ross requested assistance from the FBI office in Eau Claire and made contact with Residence Agent Jon Hauser who responded to the call.

R/A Hauser and Investigator Ross interviewed the teller at the bank and learned the following. At about 2:22 p.m. two subjects entered the bank wearing Halloween masks and demanded the teller give them money. One of the subjects has a silver colored pistol and pointed the pistol at the teller during the incident. Both subjects were wearing yellow colored chore gloves and blue plaid hooded jackets when they entered the bank. Initially the teller thought the subjects were joking and the subjects became very stern and used foul language towards the teller and directed the teller that they were serious. The teller gave the subjects the money from the teller drawer at the counter. The suspects then directed the teller to provide the money from the other teller window and the teller advised the robbers that there was only one window. The robbers then asked where the safe was and the teller told the subjects where the safe was in the hall of the bank. The subjects obtained money from the safe. Investigator Ross was advised that some of the money stolen had the serial numbers recorded and Investigator Ross was provided with a list of the recorded serial numbers. The robbers directed the teller to lie face down on the floor and told the teller to remain on the floor. The robbers fled the bank and ran to the left after exiting the bank door and down the street to a waiting car. After the suspects left the building, the teller walked up to the door to try to see a vehicle. When the teller went to the door she looked out and she saw a vehicle she recognized as belonging to a local residence and told that resident that the bank had just been robbed by the subjects who fled. The local resident then followed the subjects away from the bank.

Investigator Ross had earlier monitored radio traffic and knew that Birchwood Officer Pete Weatherhead had located the suspect vehicle and pursued the vehicle in the area near Deer Lake Road in Meteor Township in Sawyer County where the suspect vehicle had stopped and two suspects exited the car and ran into the woods. The suspect vehicle then continued south on Deer Lake Road. Officer Weatherhead was able to apprehend one of the subjects who was identified as Steven Ray Willard JR. M/W DOB: 03-27-1990 of Phillips, WI. Willard was subsequently transported to the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department by Sawyer County Deputy Sheriff Greg Ripczinski.

Investigator Ross learned that the driver of the getaway car was engaged in a pursuit in Rusk county and got into a gun fight and was killed by law enforcement officers in Rusk County. The deceased subject was later identified as Rudolf P Frenzer M/W DOB: 02-12-1959.

Investigator Ross met with Deputy Ripczinski and was informed that Willard had made a statement on the way to the jail that Willard was not the one with the gun during the robbery.

Investigator Ross and R/A Hauser interviewed Willard in the programs room at the Sawyer County Jail. Willard made an initial statement to the effect that he was not the one with the gun. Willard was read a Miranda warning which she stated he understood. Investigator Ross was reading the waiver section of the Miranda form and after Willard

was read the waiver section, Willard initially stated that he would like to have an attorney with him and after a brief discussion changed his mind and decided to talk to agents. Investigator Ross asked Willard reminded Willard that he did not have to talk to officers and Willard said he understood and wanted to talk. Investigator Ross left the Miranda warning form in plain view during most of the interview to remind Willard of his constitutional rights.

Willard was asked who the other subjects in the car were and Willard stated he knew of the car was a person named "Rudy" (b/t/b) Rudolf Frenzer. Willard stated that he knew of Frenzer before from other subjects talking about him and heard that Frenzer was a methamphetamine dealer. Willard claimed he had never met Frenzer before about 1:00 p.m. on today's date.

Willard went on and identified the third subject as "Rob" Robert H. McCallie M/W DOB: 11-02-1988. Willard stated that at about 11:00 a.m. McCallie received a phone call from Frenzer after which McCallie talked Willard into participating in the bank robbery.

At about 1:00 p.m. Willard and McCallie went to Frenzer's residence in Kennan, WI in Price County and met with Frenzer. Willard and McCallie got in a car with Rudy and drove to Ladysmith where they stopped at the Kwik Trip for gas and cigarettes. After the Kwik Trip the subjects went to the Ladysmith Dollar Store where Rudy had instructed them to go in and purchase Halloween masks and bags. The masks were a Richard Nixon mask and a Bernie Madhoff mask. The bags the subjects purchased were black and orange colored. After stopping at the Dollar Store, the subjects drove to the bank and committed the armed Robbery. Willard stated that McCallie had a silver colored pistol which he used and pointed at the teller. Willard stated that he carried a bag in and collected some of the money during the robbery. Willard further stated that he was unarmed during the robbery.

Willard stated that after the robbery they ran and got in the car and were followed by a person in a large red truck. The red truck followed the subjects until they encountered the police officer that they engaged in the pursuit with. As the subjects were being chased, Willard stated that Frenzer stopped the car and told Willard and McCallie to "get the [REDACTED] out of the car" which they did. Frenzer took off and left Willard and McCallie who then ran into the woods. Willard was captured after Willard heard gunshots and commands to get down on the ground. After Willard was arrested he had \$10,860.00 stuffed in his sock that was recovered by law Enforcement. Another \$1,600.00 was recovered on the route that Willard took running through the woods and was dropped by either Willard or McCallie. Investigator Ross checked some of the currency found along the trail and discovered that there were ten bills in the group that had recorded serial numbers reported by the bank.

Willard was shown a color photo of Robert McCallie and Willard positively identified the image as that of Robert H. McCallie M/W DOB: 11-02-1988 from the photograph.

There is nothing further at this time and the investigation is ongoing.

S/ Daniel Ross