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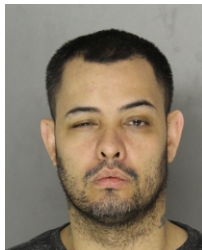
DEPUTIES APPREHEND SUSPECTED SOUTH PITTSBURGH BANK ROBBERS

PITTSBURGH, PA –Sheriff William P. Mullen announces the apprehension of Joel Velazquez-Reyes, 39, of Brookline and Alexandra Osche, 32, of Cranberry Township.

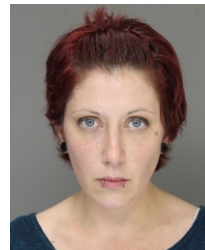
Velazquez-Reyes and Osche were wanted for the robbery of two banks located in the South Side and Brookline neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh. On April 25th, the Dollar Bank located in the 1700-block of East Carson Street was robbed at gunpoint for approximately \$9,500 by an individual later identified as Joel Velazquez-Reyes who was seen getting into a getaway vehicle driven by a female, later identified as Alexandra Osche. On May 12th, the Community Bank on Brookline Boulevard was robbed at gunpoint for approximately \$14,500 by an actor fitting the same description, also picked up by a female fitting the same description as Osche. Officers working with the FBI, Allegheny County Sheriff's Office and the City of Pittsburgh Police were able to confirm the identities of both individuals and arrests warrants were issued on May 21st.

This evening, deputies developed information that both actors were taking refuge in a residence in the 2700-block of Banksville Avenue. After confirming the location, deputies approached and surrounded the residence. When deputies knocked at the door, multiple individuals were seen inside the residence. Two females approached the side door while a male attempted to exit the back door. Velazquez-Reyes was seen in the living room area of the house and was immediately taken into custody. Osche was located at the back of the residence where she was taken into custody without incident. An additional four individuals were temporarily detained at the residence due to the ongoing investigation.

Both actors will be transported to the Allegheny County Jail, where they will face charges including Robbery, Carrying Firearm Without a License, Criminal Conspiracy, and Recklessly Endangering Another Person.



Joel Velazquez



Alexandra Osche

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