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ALLEGED BANK ROBBER TRACKED DOWN IN ERIE, PA

PITTSBURGH, PA – Sheriff William P. Mullen announces the arrest of Michael Moschetti (pronounced mosketi), 39 years of age from the City of Jeannette. Moschetti is suspected of robbing the Key Bank on Route 286 in Plum Borough on Monday afternoon.

After obtaining information and a surveillance photo of the bank robber from Key Bank, the Sheriff's Office posted on social media requesting assistance from the public in identifying this individual. Shortly after posting, the Sheriff's Office was overwhelmed with information regarding his identification. By Monday evening deputies were able to positively identify the suspect as Moschetti, due to his neck tattoo of a Virgo zodiac sign, which can be seen clearly in surveillance from the bank.

On Tuesday, Plum Police filed for a warrant for Moschetti's arrest. Deputies and Plum officers began to scour the area, where the fugitive was last seen. By the afternoon, deputies had searched numerous addresses in Irwin, North Huntingdon and Penn Township, based on information received from tips. While searching these areas, new information was developed that Moschetti had disposed of his cellphone. The fugitive would ask citizens to use their phone to make calls, as he had lost his and then would contact friends and family stating he was eluding apprehension while hiding out in the Pittsburgh area.

Eventually, deputies established intelligence placing Moschetti in the Greater Erie area of Pennsylvania. With help from Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), deputies searched a number of hotels for Moschetti, to no avail. As deputies received more information they provided it to PSP and Erie Police for their assistance. Early this morning, Moschetti's vehicle was seen near an address of a known acquaintance of the fugitive in the 200 block of East 9th Street in Erie. Deputies announced themselves at this address and after a brief delay the mother of the associate met them at the front door. In the background, deputies identified Moschetti smoking a cigarette at the top of a stairwell. Soon thereafter, Moschetti was taken into custody, without incident. Upon arrest, deputies found the fugitive in possession of nearly \$600.00 and wearing the same hat the suspect was seen wearing during the robbery.

Moschetti was taken into custody on a state parole violation detainer, as well as new charges regarding the bank robbery on Monday. He is currently lodged in the Allegheny County Jail, where he will await arraignment on new charges relating to the bank robbery.

Sheriff Mullen would like to thank the public for their diligent support by providing information regarding

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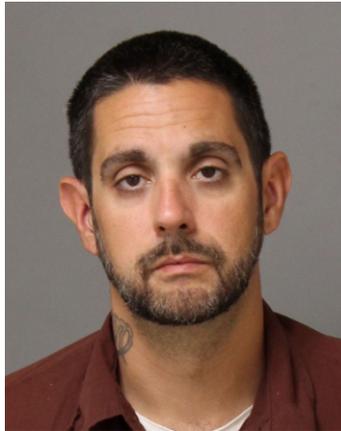


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the fugitive's identification and whereabouts. Additionally, he would like to recognize the Erie Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigations - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania State Police – Erie Barracks and Plum Borough Police Department for their assistance in this investigation and apprehension.



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