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DEPUTIES CATCH SUSPECTED BANK ROBBER IN MT. OLIVER BACKYARD

PITTSBURGH, PA – Sheriff William P. Mullen announces the apprehension of Joseph Abbinanti, 47 years of age from the Carrick neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh.

Abbinanti was wanted on a criminal bench warrant for a violation of probation regarding his guilty plea of a 2015 incident of Flight to Avoid Apprehension, Resist Arrest, and Recklessly Endanger Another Person. Furthermore, Abbinanti is a suspect in the robbery of PNC Bank in Mt. Washington last Thursday, June 29, 2017. The Sheriff's Office distributed surveillance photos from the incident and asked the public to help distinguish the suspect. Hundreds of tips poured in over the last week regarding the identification and whereabouts of the suspect.

This morning, sheriff's deputies and members of the FBI developed information that Abbinanti was residing and/or frequenting Mt. Oliver Borough since the robbery. Deputies searched numerous homes in the specific area, but could not locate Abbinanti. However, while reconvening outside one of these homes, a deputy identified a man bearing a close resemblance to the suspect, while he was entering a vehicle. Deputies attempted to stop the vehicle, between the Ormsby Avenue and Margaret Street, although were unable to as they were on foot. At the Margaret and Louisa Streets intersection, the fugitive jumped out of the vehicle's passenger side door and fled on foot through numerous backyards on Douglas Street. After a brief search of the area, deputies located Abbinanti hiding behind a bush in the backyard of a residence the 100 block of Giffin Avenue. He was immediately taken into custody and transported to the Allegheny County Jail. Abbinanti was lodged on the outstanding warrants and will await arraignment on the charges regarding the PNC Bank Robbery.

Once again, Sheriff Mullen would like to thank the citizens of Allegheny County for their support and information regarding Abbinanti. Additionally, he would like to recognize the members of FBI Pittsburgh for their cooperation and assistance in apprehending this fugitive.

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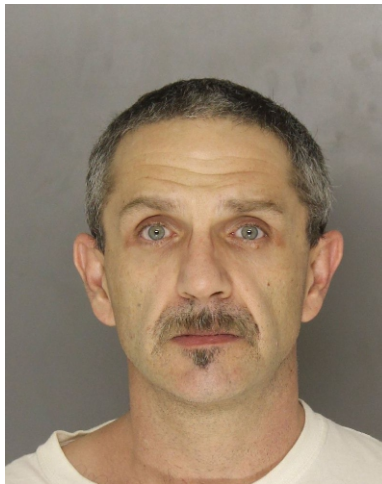
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