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SUSPECT IN CREDIT UNION ROBBERY ARRESTED

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL – 11/4/10) – A 21-year-old Lakeland man has been arrested and charged in connection with an Oct. 26, 2010 bank robbery in Temple Terrace, police said.

Steven Ryan Hawley, DOB 9/27/89, of 403 Hunter St., Lakeland, was arrested by Temple Terrace police detectives on Thursday. He has been charged with one count of bank robbery and is being questioned as a suspect in the Nov. 1 robbery of a Bank of America branch in Lakeland, police said.

Temple Terrace police detectives investigating the Oct. 26 robbery received a tip and located Hawley on Thursday afternoon at Budget Inn, 2001 E. Busch Blvd., Tampa, where he was arrested, said Temple Terrace Police Lt. Bernard Seeley.

Hawley was taken into custody without incident, and the investigation is continuing, Seeley said.

The Oct. 26 robbery occurred at the GTE Federal Credit Union, 9380 N. 56th St., in Temple Terrace.

According to police, the suspect entered the credit union, displayed a note to the teller demanding money, and left the building westbound on foot after obtaining an undisclosed amount of cash. The man did not display a weapon, and no getaway vehicle was seen, police said. No one was injured in the incident.

Police said the robber was wearing unusual, plaid clothing. He also was carrying a light-brown, designer-style handbag that appeared to match his cap.

Temple Terrace Police Chief Kenneth Albano credited Hawley's capture to "great police work."

Lakeland police also will be questioning Hawley about the Nov. 1 robbery, Seeley said.

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