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POLICE SEEK SUSPECTS IN PILOT BANK ROBBERY

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL – 10/14/09) – Police are searching for two men who robbed a Pilot Bank of America branch in Temple Terrace on Wednesday morning.

The robbery occurred about 9:20 a.m. The bank is located at 5140 E. Fowler Ave.

As Temple Terrace police officers were responding to a bank alarm, a witness called to say two men had just run out of the bank building.

According to bank officials, two black males entered the bank and demanded money. One was armed with a handgun. The two men fled on foot, jumping fences behind the bank and escaping.

A perimeter was set up, with help from the Tampa Police Department, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and University of South Florida Police Department. Tampa police responded with a K-9 unit and helicopter. The K-9 tracked the suspects northwest of the bank, along 51st Street, before losing track of the scent.

One suspect was described as a black male, medium height, wearing a black baseball cap with white lettering, baggy jeans, a white long-sleeved T-shirt and white tennis shoes.

The other suspect was described as a black male, around 5-feet 6-inches tall, with short dreadlocks, and wearing a plain black T-shirt, shorts and black tennis shoes.

No shots were fired during the robbery and no one was injured. The robbers escaped with an undisclosed amount of money.

It was reported that Pizzo Elementary School, MOSI Partnership and USF/Patel Primary Charter School were on modified lockdown until 11 a.m. It is unclear who ordered the lockdown.

Anyone with information about this crime should contact the Temple Terrace Police Department at (813) 989-7110.

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