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Bank Robbery Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives are conducting a robbery investigation. The incident occurred on Wednesday April 18, 2018, in the 200 block Richard Arrington Jr. Boulevard.

Victim: Synovus Bank

Suspect: Benjamin Madison
Black Male
37 Years of Age
Of Birmingham

On Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 9:11 AM, the suspect entered the Synovus Bank located at 215 Richard Arrington Jr. Boulevard. Once inside the suspect pulled out a handgun and approached a teller. After the suspect approached the teller a security employee of Synovus Bank, who was armed, engaged the suspect. The suspect immediately surrendered and got on the ground. The security employee of Synovus Bank held the suspect at gunpoint until Birmingham Police officers arrived on the scene to take him into custody.

Birmingham Police Detectives presented the findings of their investigations to the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office and two warrants were issued for Robbery 1st Degree and Certain Persons Prohibited. Mr. Benjamin Madison will be transferred to the Jefferson County Jail where he will be held on a \$60,000 Bond for the Robbery 1st Degree and \$15,000 Bond for the Certain Persons Prohibited.

UPDATE: During the investigation into the Robbery of Synovus Bank it was determined that Mr. Benjamin Madison was also responsible for the Robbery of Servis First Bank located at 324 Richard Arrington Jr. Boulevard. This Robbery took place March 13, 2018, at about 9:00am. Today Birmingham Police Department Detectives obtained a Robbery 1st Degree warrant from the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office for the robbery of the Servis First Bank. He remains in the Jefferson County Jail with an additional bond of \$30,000 for this Robbery 1st Degree warrant.

If there is anyone who has information pertaining to the case, please contact the B.P.D. Robbery Unit @ 254-1753 or Crime Stoppers @ 254-7777.

