



# KITSAP COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## Kingston bank robbery update

**Kingston, Wash.** -- Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives, working in conjunction with special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), continue their investigation of an early Monday afternoon robbery of a North Kitsap branch of the Bank of America.

The robbery occurred around 12:29 p.m., Dec. 21, at the branch office located at 10943 NE State Highway 104 in Kingston. A single adult white male entered the premises and contacted a bank employee. The suspect threatened the bank and its employees with an apparent explosive device and demanded money.

After taking an undisclosed amount of money the suspect was last seen leaving the bank on foot, headed westbound. The suspect left the apparent explosive device inside the business premises. Bank employees evacuated the building

Kitsap County Central Communications (9-1-1 dispatch) was first notified of the robbery at 12:31 p.m. First responding sheriff's units arrived at 12:36 p.m. Assist units also responded from Bainbridge Island, Bremerton, Poulsbo and Suquamish Police Departments, the Port Gamble Department of Public Safety, and Washington State Patrol. Sheriff's detectives were notified and responded along with FBI special agents.

Upon arrival deputies set containment of the scene and closed down a ¼ mile stretch of State Highway 104 in Kingston, between Lindvog Road NE and West 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE, as a precautionary measure while explosive ordnance disposal technicians responded and conducted operations to safely remove the device from inside the bank. The device was taken to a controlled facility for further examination and evidence processing.

Ferry traffic that normally uses State Highway 104 to enter and leave Kingston was re-routed temporarily along secondary streets in the town.

State Patrol troopers delayed the 12:50 p.m. departure of an Edmonds bound Washington State ferry for 35 minutes, while the vessel was searched to ensure that the suspect wasn't aboard.

The closed portion of State Highway 104 was re-opened after approximately 2 ½ hours.

A description of the suspect has been provided as:

- White male, approximately 6'00" tall, medium build, blue eyes and with a moustache and beard that a bank employee believes are fake.
- Clothing: blue-colored hooded parka, dark-colored hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans, a baseball cap, eye glasses and light-colored shoes.

Persons with information about this robbery, or the suspect, are requested to contact the FBI's Seattle office at (206) 622-0460, or the Detective Fel Abille at (360) 337-5620.

Investigators would like to speak with anyone who may have noticed a suspicious vehicle parked in the area west of the bank, on Lindvog Road NE and the general vicinity of the Billie Johnson Skate Park.

Those wishing to remain anonymous may contact Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



**Robbery suspect, Bank of America branch, Kingston  
Bank security surveillance image, 12:24 p.m., Dec. 21, 2009**

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