

## NEWS RELEASE



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**CASE NUMBER:** 09-03525

**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:** 05/11/2009 - 12:24 PM

**DATE/TIME OF RELEASE:** 05/11/2009 - 3:55 PM

**NATURE OF STORY:** Bank Robbery

**LOCATION:** Siuslaw Valley Bank  
265 E Oregon Avenue  
Creswell, OR

**ARRESTED:** Barnett, Michael Thomas  
DOB: 03-26-1986  
Creswell, OR

### **DETAILS:**

Sheriff's deputies are investigating a reported bank robbery called in by bank employees at the Creswell Branch of the Siuslaw Valley Bank. Michael Barnett is in custody for the robbery and lodged at the Lane County Jail.

At 12:24 PM bank employees called reporting a male wearing a mask had robbed the bank and fled on foot. Immediately after, the Sheriff's Office received reports that citizens in the area had captured Barnett and were detaining him until deputies arrived on scene. Deputies took Barnett into custody from the assisting citizens.

The citizens who assisted in the capture of Barnett are: Daniel R. Benner, 39, of Cottage Grove and David W. Kastrava, 44, of Springfield.

Benner was near the bank when he observed Barnett fleeing the bank and wearing a mask. Benner began to chase Barnett on foot. While chasing Barnett, they ran through the I-5 Tire business and Benner called out for help. Kastrava then assisted Benner in capturing Barnett approximately two blocks from the bank. No injuries were reported during the incident.

Sheriff's deputies, detectives and agents from the Eugene office of the FBI are continuing the investigation.

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