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On 5-3-08, at approximately 11:26 A.M., three offenders, armed with an assault rifle and two handguns, robbed the bank located inside the supermarket at 3700 Aramingo Avenue. The males exited the bank with \$38,000.00 and drove from the scene in a stolen Jeep Liberty.

Uniformed officers pursued the Jeep to the 2700 block of E. Schiller Street, where the suspect exited the vehicle and discharged five rounds from the assault rifle, striking an officer as he was exiting his patrol vehicle. That officer died at the hospital as a result of multiple gunshot wounds.

The three suspects then drove approximately two blocks and entered a Chrysler, Town and Country, mini-van. A G.P.S. tracking device imbedded in the stolen money led officers to the 500 block of E. Louden Street, where the mini-van was located. Uniformed officers approached the mini-van and the suspect exited the vehicle armed with the assault rifle. As the suspect pointed the rifle at the officers, two officers discharged their weapons, striking the offender. The offender fell to the ground and dropped his weapon. The offender was transported to Temple University Hospital, where he was subsequently pronounced.

The second offender, who had exited the mini-van prior to the arrival of the officers, called the 9-1-1 Emergency System pretending that he was a carjacking victim (from the Town and Country mini-van). The offender later acknowledged his participation in the bank robbery, and identified the other two offenders as co-conspirators. The third suspect eluded apprehension.

The assault rifle loaded with twenty-five rounds; a .22 caliber revolver loaded with nine rounds; and a .44-caliber revolver, loaded with five rounds were recovered inside the mini-van.