

Dear Mom & Dad -

This is one of the articles that was printed in November of 1967. As you can see, the robbers car was going so fast that it snapped off a telephone pole. All the windows are broke and smashed to pieces and one side is caved in.

I was in a nearby gravel pit when this mess happened and like any other curious person I walked over and looked at the wrecked car.

This is where the policeman first saw me, because I remember seeing him (I think I did) and when he was shown my picture the NEXT MORNING, it would only be natural that my face would seem familiar.

Mom, I was searched immediately by one of the hundreds of police officers who came to the scene and searched everybody - and by god, I didn't have dark shoes on, or a real coat, which the robber who got away was wearing.

There was a man who testified on the stand that the robber who got away was SIX FEET TALL - by god, I'm only $7\frac{1}{2}$! This man testified that he was within arms-distance of the robber and by god he ought to know the difference between 6 feet and 5 feet.

Mom, I realize that your not ~~not~~ rich and I know that you could do to much - But please, I am innocent, don't let me rot in prison for something I didn't do.

Please write to the Court of Last Resort in the argoys magazine and request that somebody please come talk to me.

Love to all
Charles

Kenosha Deputy Kills Bank Robbery Suspect

Kenosha authorities said the dead man is a Racine man but declined to reveal his name, pending notification of next of kin.

A Silver Lake bank robbery victim was shot and killed this morning by a pursuing Kenosha County sheriff's deputy.

The deputy, Gerald Van Patten, was grazed in the head by a .45 caliber bullet in a gunfight with the slain suspect. A search continued early this afternoon for a second suspect, who fled in what is believed to be the robbery get-away car.

A bank official said an audit was still being taken but the amount taken may not be disclosed unless required by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The auto, being pursued by available officers were joined by three Racine County squads and an airplane in the search and that dogs were being called in from Lake Geneva to assist in the search.

Although bank officials said the amount taken may not be disclosed when determined, deputies said they believed a "considerable" amount of money was taken. It was not immediately known whether any was recovered.

The spokesman for the Silver Lake State Bank said two men (Turn to Page 2A, Col. 4)

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entered the year-old bank about 10:45 a.m. The money was taken from a teller's window.

Wear Halloween Masks
There were seven employees in the building but no customers when the gunmen, wearing Halloween masks, entered.

Two customers — a man and a woman with a child — came into the bank during the holdup and were asked by the gunmen to sit down. The bank spokesman, who said it is a bank policy not to disclose names of involved employees or identity of spokesmen, said the man was asked politely to have a seat.

The woman and child started to leave the building but were told to come back and have a seat.

There were no injuries or property damage, the spokesman said.

The gunmen said, "Put your money in the bag and you won't get hurt."

The gunmen fled in a late model maroon car.

The spokesman said the oblong 45-by-90-foot bank is equipped with an up-to-date alarm system connected to the Sheriff's Department which enabled deputies to arrive quickly.

He said one gunman took two officers into the bank vault but did not have time to take money from there.

He added that the gunman who was shot was wearing two complete changes of clothing.