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Man arraigned in bank heists

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FLINT - An unemployed man attending college and who has a criminal record has been arraigned on bank robbery charges.

Jeffrey R. Guest, 49, of Thetford Township faces the possibility of life in prison for two bank heists in northern Genesee County.

Investigators allege the self-described Mott Community College electronics student robbed the Citizens Bank branch in Otisville on Monday and the LaSalle Bank in Vienna Township on Nov. 16.

The bank robbery allegations are the latest troubles for Guest, who in 1998 pleaded guilty to attempted negligent homicide in the deaths of two motorists on I-75 that occurred while he was on probation.

He served a year in the Genesee County Jail for those deaths and was ordered to pay the victims' families \$7,400.

Guest has prior convictions for breaking and entering, unarmed robbery and attempted uttering and publishing.

During his arraignment in the bank robbery cases Friday, Guest told Grand Blanc District Judge Christopher Odette that he had lost his job as a machinist in Goodrich about two weeks ago.

The job loss coincided with the week that investigators allege Guest went into the LaSalle branch armed with a large handgun that authorities said turned out to be a BB gun. He got away with at least \$1,500, Genesee County Sheriff's Department investigators said.

On Monday, he allegedly escaped with \$1,550 in the Otisville robbery.

Sheriff's department personnel arrested Guest in Mt. Morris Township on Wednesday after a tipster identified him from bank surveillance photos.

Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton has charged Guest with bank robbery in both cases, armed robbery in the Vienna Township incident and unarmed robbery in the Otisville case.

He is being held on \$200,000 cash bond and has requested a court-appointed attorney.

Preliminary examinations in the two cases have been set for Dec. 11 and 12 in Genesee County's Central District Court.

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