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The Flagstar Bank branch at 1400 East Lake Lansing Road, where a 59-year-old male suspect allegedly made off with \$2,000 on June 10. (Photos by Kepler Domurat-Sousa)

East Lansing Police apprehended a bank robbery suspect on June 10, not far from where the crime took place.

The suspect, a 59-year-old East Lansing man, was apprehended in the 1800 block of Hagadorn Road after allegedly robbing the Flagstar Bank branch at 1400 East Lake Lansing Road.

?We received a call at about 11:30 a.m. in the morning of a bank robbery that occurred at the Flagstar Bank,? Deputy Police Chief Steve Gonzalez said. ?Officers responded and were given a description of the individual who had fled on foot. One of our officers located the individual walking south on Hagadorn maybe a block away from the bank. The officer was able to contact that individual and we were able to take him into custody without incident.?

The responding officer was driving northbound on Hagadorn Road toward the scene of the

robbery. On her way to the scene, Officer Chelsea Morehead received dispatch information that fit the description of a male walking southbound in the 1800 block of Hagadorn.

Officer Morehead attempted to make contact and as soon as she did the suspect began to walk away from her and tried to enter a nearby apartment complex but was unable to do so. Officer Morehead took the suspect into custody with the help of responding officers.



The suspect, who ELPD is not naming because of the ongoing investigation, is alleged to have taken approximately \$2,000 in cash from the bank. He has since been arraigned at the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan in Grand Rapids and charged with armed bank robbery. A trial date has not been set.

?The suspect was armed with an object fashioned to look like a handgun,? Gonzalez said. ?He indicated to the bank that he was armed and allegedly showed a portion of the object from under some clothing to the teller. This object was recovered upon his arrest.?

Gonzalez said the suspect did not point the object at the teller.

FBI officials assisted ELPD detectives with follow-up and interview of the suspect, Gonzalez said.

No one was injured during the robbery or the apprehension of the suspect.

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