

# OCEAN SHORES POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE

Chief of Police Mike Styner

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On 3/20/09 at 1:30 PM Ocean Shores Police responded to a report of a robbery that had just occurred at the Ocean Shores Timberland Savings Bank branch located at 361 Damon Road, Ocean Shores. Witnesses said that the female robber presented a demand note indicating that she had a gun and left with an undisclosed amount of money. The robber was observed driving away from the bank in a smaller, silver, 4-door import car east from the bank. Ocean Shores Police and Grays Harbor County Sheriffs Deputies responded to the area in search of the vehicle. A short time later, Grays Harbor 911 operators received a call from a female stating that she had just robbed a bank. The cell phone call was traced to an area east of the bank.

Ocean Shores officers located the suspect, still talking on the phone to the 911 operator, inside of her vehicle on Damon Road, about one-half mile from the bank. She was taken into custody less than 15 minutes after the robbery and all of the stolen money was recovered. No weapon was recovered. The suspect, a 39-year-old Copalis Beach woman, admitted to committing the crime and indicated that she did not have a weapon. The suspect does not appear to be associated with any other robberies.

This was the first bank robbery in Ocean Shores history.

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