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??? Officers with the Austin Police Department and the Sellersburg post of the Indiana State Police continue to churn through leads and witness statements resulting from the robbery that occurred Monday, December 8, at the Austin branch of Indiana Bank and Trust.

The robbery was committed by a lone white male about 1:50 p.m. at the bank. IBT had recently moved to its new location on U.S. Highway 31 South from its old facility at the corner of South High and West Main Streets in Austin’s downtown area.

The robber was wearing a dark blue or black hooded winter parka and light blue jeans. He was also wearing white gloves, sunglasses and a tight-fitting knit winter hat. His height was estimated at between 5-8 and 5-11 and he weighed around 160 pounds.

The incident was over quickly. The suspect approached a teller, indicated he had a gun and demanded money. An undisclosed amount was handed to him, and he left, apparently walking north toward VanCampen Road. No one was injured during the robbery. No weapon was displayed.

Through the investigation that followed, police learned that the same man apparently went into a chiropractic office just to the north of the bank and made an appointment prior to entering the bank. They surmise that he may have been waiting for customers to leave the bank before committing the robbery.

Customers who left the bank either during or just after the incident were sought by officers when they were erroneously told by a witness that the couple may have been involved in the robbery. “We were able to track them down and completely eliminate them as suspects,” reported ISP Trooper Brian Busick. The incorrect information had police looking for a dark-colored van with an “In God We Trust” Indiana license plate.

Getting photos of the suspect out to media quickly has resulted in several leads, all of which were still be checked on Thursday, December 11.

Anyone having information about the suspect should contact the Austin Police Department at 794-4623 or 752-5550 or the Sellersburg post of the Indiana State Police at 1-800-872-6743.

The Scott County Sheriff’s Department also has a Tip Line which can be used 24 hours a day to leave anonymous messages. That phone number is 752-7898.