

Bank robbery ends in death

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An autopsy was performed this morning (Sept. 25), at the Kentucky State Medical Examiner's Office in Louisville, on a male subject involved in the bank robbery and pursuit ending in death.

The male subject was identified as Dwight "David" Jernigan, 42. His last known address was in Taylorsville, Ind.

The preliminary cause of death was a single gunshot wound to the head.

However, the autopsy will not be considered complete until toxicology results return which typically takes up to six weeks.

During the crime scene processing, Indiana State Police Evidence Technicians located a twenty gauge shotgun inside of the silver Ford Taurus being driven by Dwight "David" Jernigan.

On Friday, Sept. 24, at approximately 3:45 p.m., Jernigan allegedly walked into the First Harrison Bank in Hardinsburg, brandishing a weapon and demanding money.

After Jernigan left the bank with an undisclosed amount of U. S. Currency a police dispatch was made in reference to the robbery.

An Indiana State Trooper was close by and responded to the dispatch. As the trooper approached the bank he saw the vehicle, a silver Ford Taurus, that Jernigan was driving.

As the trooper attempted to stop the vehicle the suspect vehicle fled.

The trooper pursued the vehicle across several county roads in Washington and Crawford Counties.

The pursuit ended when Jernigan pulled into a driveway on Yukon Road in Crawford County. As the state trooper and two Indiana Conservation Officers, who had caught up with the pursuit, approached the vehicle they heard a gunshot. When the officers made contact with the occupant, Jernigan, it was discovered that he had taken his own life.

No one else involved in this incident, including the bank employees were injured.

Assisting agencies were Crawford County Sheriff's Department, Crawford County Coroner's Office, Crawford County Prosecutor's Office, Washington County Sheriff's Department, Washington County Prosecutor's Office and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division.