

# Springboro Man Sentenced for Franklin Bank Robbery

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James Lawson, 39, pled guilty yesterday to Robbery for the October 10, 2013 robbery of the Franklin branch of the National Bank & Trust Company.

At approximately 9:50 a.m., the defendant entered the bank, located on E. Second Street, Franklin, Ohio, wearing a hat, scarf, heavy coat and sunglasses. He showed a teller a handwritten note indicating that he had a gun and wanted cash. Lawson obtained approximately \$870.00 U.S. currency and fled the bank.

Franklin police, acting on tips and identification from the bank's surveillance photos, arrested Lawson the next day. Lawson will serve five years in prison and must pay restitution to the bank.

Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell complimented the quick action of the Franklin Police Department in identifying Lawson and making the arrest, and praised Assistant Prosecutor John Arnold for prosecuting the case. He also thanked the public for their quick response when photos of the robber were published, which was instrumental in the quick apprehension of Lawson.



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