



Cheektowaga Police charge East Aurora man in ATM Robbery



Suspect May Be Linked To More ATM Robberies

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(Photo: Cheektowaga Police)

CHEEKTOWAGA, NY-- Cheektowaga Police have arrested an East Aurora man in connection with an armed robbery at an ATM. The incident happened at the Citizens Bank ATM at 4964 Transit Road Thursday evening.

Police say they were called by a 53-year-old woman who told them that a white male in his 30s ran up to her and displayed a silver handgun as she entered the ATM lobby.

The suspect allegedly took the woman's ATM card and forced her to tell him the PIN number. The suspect was unsuccessful in getting the money, however, and ran from the scene.

Investigators say an alert clerk at a nearby store watched a man pull up to the ATM at the NOCO station at the corner of Transit and Como Park, then run in and out of the store. The clerk wrote down the man's license plate number and reported it to police.

Officers found the vehicle parked near Transit and French. The suspect was located by Lancaster Police near Tops. A silver handgun was found in the grass along the sidewalk of Transit Road.

The suspect, Michael W. Johnson, 31, of East Aurora is charged with robbery, criminal use of a firearm and criminal possession of a weapon.

Hamburg Police are checking to see if Johnson is responsible for a [similar robbery in their town on December 1](http://www.wgrz.com/story/news/crime/2015/12/02/hamburg-police-searching-for-robbery-suspect/76670640/) ([/story/news/crime/2015/12/02/hamburg-police-searching-for-robbery-suspect/76670640/](http://www.wgrz.com/story/news/crime/2015/12/02/hamburg-police-searching-for-robbery-suspect/76670640/)).

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