

# Five-time bank robber has ties to Cheektowaga

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BUFFALO – A serial bank robber with past convictions for bank robbery and with ties to Cheektowaga, was again found guilty of bank robbery by a jury in federal court.

U.S. Attorney James P. Kennedy, Jr. says Thomas Cascio, 52, of Cheektowaga, that on March 6, 2017, Mr. Cascio entered the Key Bank at 5200 Main Street in Amherst and handed the teller a note with the word “robbery.” He then told the teller to “hurry up” and “don’t give me the funny money.”

The Amherst Police Department issued a high-quality surveillance photo of the robbery to news outlets and the next day, eight people contacted either the Amherst Police Department or FBI identifying the robber as Thomas Cascio.

In 2000, the Mr. Cascio was convicted in federal court of four bank robberies and sentenced to 48 months in prison. In some of those robberies, Mr. Cascio’s movements were similar to his movements on May 6, 2017, including taking the note back from the teller before leaving the bank.

In 2009, Mr. Cascio was also convicted in state court of one bank robbery and served two years in prison.

The charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Sentencing is scheduled for June 21, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. before U.S. District Judge Lawrence J. Vilaro who presided over the trial of the case.