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Depew man charged with robbing Citizens Banks at Tops



Cheektowaga Police suspect this man of robbing the Citizens Bank inside the Tops Friendly Market at Thruway Plaza on April 18, 2019. (Cheektowaga Police)

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Cheektowaga Police charged a Depew man on Saturday with robbing the Citizens Bank at the Tops Friendly Markets at Thruway Plaza last week.

Thomas Blachowski, 49, of Penora Street, is accused of passing a teller a note stating that he had a gun and demanding money, police said. The robber did not show a weapon. Officers obtained information about the suspect's identity after posting on social media an image of the robber taken by security cameras. Blachowski was apprehended at 6:36 p.m. Saturday at a Goethe Street address, police said.

He was charged with first-degree robbery and third-degree grand larceny, both felonies.

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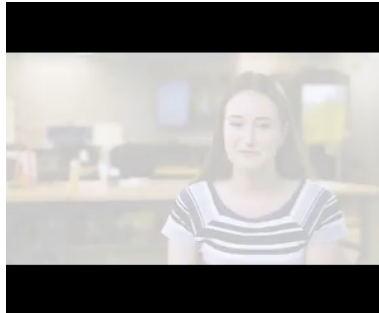
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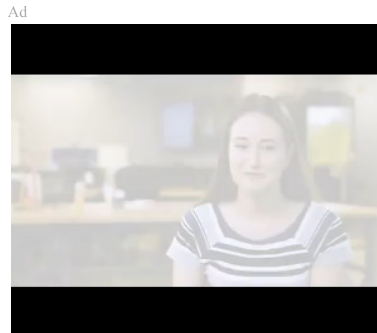
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