

Media Information



Columbus Division of Police
Major Crimes Bureau / Robbery Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Robbery

Date: 1/20/2021

Time: 1:55pm

Location of Offense/Incident: 3600 Soldano Blvd

Zone: 3

Precinct: 19

Incident Report #: 210045950

Cruiser District: 193

Victim: Fifth Third Bank

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Nicholas Wittekind

Address:

☒ Arrested ☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: White

Age: 34

Charges:

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested ☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary: On January 20, 2021 at approximately 1:55pm the suspect approached the Fifth Third Bank counter located inside Kroger at 3600 Soldano Blvd. The suspect presented a note to the teller demanding money. The teller complied with the demand and gave the suspect an unknown amount of money. The suspect then exited the store and got into a White Ford Flex leaving in an unknown direction.

UPDATE: The suspect in the Fifth Third Bank robbery was identified as Nicholas Wittekind. Wittekind was arrested after going on a mini crime spree. On January 20, after robbing Fifth Third Bank, Wittekind also robbed Target, Old Navy, and Michael's stores. It was also determined that Wittekind robbed Big Lots and Kroger on January 19 and stole the white Ford Flex on January 18.

Columbus Police Officers from the 17th precinct were able to apprehend Wittekind as he was fleeing the last robbery.

A mugshot photo of Wittekind is attached.

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