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Bank Robbery Investigation

On July 7, 2022, at approximately 12:10 p.m., officers responded to the Truist Bank at 230 Herndon Parkway, for a reported bank robbery. Employees of the bank stated a black male, dressed in black clothing and wearing a face mask, approached a teller, pointed a handgun, and demanded money. The teller gave approximately \$2500 to the suspect, who then left on foot.

As Herndon Police Department units were canvassing the area with the immediate assistance of the Fairfax County Police Department, the suspect was located by a Herndon officer in the vicinity of North Walnut Branch Road in Reston. After a brief foot pursuit, the officer lost sight of the suspect, and units from both agencies worked collaboratively to saturate the area with additional resources and conduct a search.

At approximately 2:20 p.m., the suspect was located hiding in some bushes near Sundance Court and North Walnut Branch Road and was taken into custody without incident by members of the Fairfax County Special Operations Division.

The suspect, identified as Steven Daron ELEY, of no fixed address, was interviewed at the Herndon Police Department and taken before the magistrate where he was charged with robbery and use of a firearm during the commission of a felony. The investigation led to additional charges for the robbery that occurred on July 2, 2022, at the Safeway at 413 Elden Street.

Eley is currently being held without bond at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. The quick apprehension of Eley was made possible by the effective coordination and cooperation between the Herndon Police Department and the Fairfax County Police Department.

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