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## **Suspect Arrested Following Local Robberies**

CHEYENNE, WY — On Thursday, July 25, Cheyenne Police Officers arrested a suspect for robbing two local financial institutions and assaulting a police officer.

At approximately 3:00 p.m. officers were dispatched to a report of a robbery at Jonah Bank of Wyoming located at 205 Storey Boulevard. According to statements, an adult male suspect, later identified as Eric Smith, 34, of Cheyenne, entered the bank, threatened employees, and demanded cash. He took an undisclosed amount of cash from the location and then fled on foot.

Officers quickly arrived and began to establish a perimeter. While on scene, dispatch relayed a report of a stolen vehicle in the 300 block of Arbor Lane. Minutes later, officers learned that a second robbery was in progress. Smith apparently used the stolen vehicle to drive to Western Vista Federal Credit Union located at 3207 Sparks Road and used the same tactics to rob the credit union.

Searching continued at both locations. At 3:57 p.m. it was reported that a man matching Smith's description attempted to burglarize a woman at a residence near the 2200 block of Meadow Drive. He then fled toward Taft Avenue.

Officers found Smith walking along the sidewalk of Taft Avenue and commanded him to stop. Smith ignored commands and threw a hammer, striking a police officer. He was apprehended by a K9 and transported to Cheyenne Regional Medical Center. Following medical clearance, Smith was booked into the Laramie County Jail on three counts of aggravated robbery, motor vehicle theft, and aggravated assault on a police officer.

The Cheyenne Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) are working together on the ongoing investigation.

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