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Georgia Correctional Officer Arrested for Bank Fraud

On February 8, 2008 a male subject entered the Sun Trust Bank Branch located at 2727 Apalachee Parkway in Tallahassee, Florida, and presented a check in the amount of \$1,500.91 for cash withdrawal. After receiving the cash the same subject left that location and entered the Sun Trust Main Financial Center located at 3522 Thomasville Road in Tallahassee, Florida, presenting another check in the amount of \$1,400.23 for cash withdrawal. After receiving \$1,000 the subject filled out a Sun Trust withdrawal ticket in the name of a Sun Trust account holder, signed his signature and placed an account number on the withdrawal ticket. The requested amount was for \$2,000. This made bank officials suspicious; at which point the subject fled in a blue Chevy Impala with a Georgia tag. After the subject fled the bank discovered the subject had used false identification to obtain the withdrawn funds.

Detectives with the Leon County Sheriff's Office Financial Crimes Unit used surveillance photographs, witness statements and vehicle information to develop investigative leads, which led them to Darian Mordecai Williams 03/09/1974, of Lithonia, Georgia. With the assistance of the Dekalb County, Georgia, Sheriff's Office, Williams was located and it was determined he fit the same description as the subject observed in the surveillance photos. Williams identified himself to Dekalb County Investigators as Darian Mordecai Williams, a Correctional Officer at Phillips State Prison in Georgia.

Officials at Phillips State Prison were contacted and assisted in the investigation by viewing and confirming the subject in the surveillance photographs is Darian Williams, an employee at the prison.

Darian Williams has been arrested in Georgia and is awaiting extradition to Leon County, Florida for the following charges:

- (1) Count - Bank Fraud 655.0322(6)
- (1) Count - Criminal Use of Personal Identification 817.568
- (1) Count - Deposit with Intent to Defraud 832.05 (3)
- (1) Count - Forgery 831.01
- (1) Count - Uttering 831.02
- (1) Count - Grand Theft 812.014 (2C1)



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