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ERICK HALL OF PHILADELPHIA CHARGED WITH ROBBING THREE BANKS IN MONTGOMERY AND DELAWARE COUNTIES



ERICK HALL

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Nov. 25, 2019) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele, Delaware County District Attorney Katayoun M. Copeland, Cheltenham Township Police Chief John Frye, Lower Merion Township Police Superintendent Michael J. McGrath and Lansdowne Borough Police Chief Daniel Donegan announce the charging of Erick Hall, 32, of Philadelphia, for three armed bank robberies in Montgomery and Delaware Counties.

The bank robberies involved are:

- Santander Bank, 500 Central Avenue in Cheltenham, Montgomery County, on July 19, 2019, \$3,700 taken;
- ESSA Bank, 48 W. Marshall Road in Lansdowne, Delaware County, on Sept. 18, 2019, \$3,860 taken;
- Citizens Bank, 225 W. Lancaster Avenue in Lower Merion Township, Montgomery County, on Oct. 16, 2019, \$1,120 taken.

Hall was apprehended after committing another robbery of a Wilmington, Delaware bank on Oct. 24, 2019, where a tracking device was placed on the defendant during the commission of the robbery. Wilmington (Del.) Police apprehended the defendant in a taxicab after conducting a traffic stop.

“The Delaware investigation, as well as video surveillance and witness testimony, linked Hall to these three robberies, where the employees feared for their lives,” said Steele. “This defendant’s arrest is another example of the cooperative efforts of law enforcement in working together to make sure criminals are apprehended and off of our streets.”

Delaware County DA Copeland echoed these sentiments: “It is only through the hard work and seamless cooperation of our dedicated law enforcement partners that Erik Hall was arrested. With partners like the Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office and the many law enforcement agencies who worked on this case, we will continue to aggressively pursue individuals like Hall who endanger our communities.”

Hall is charged with multiple counts of Robbery, Terroristic Threats, Theft by Unlawful Taking, Receiving Stolen Property, Simple Assault and Possessing an Instrument of Crime. He was arraigned Nov. 21, 2019, before Magisterial District Judge Michael P. Quinn, who set bail at \$99,000 cash. The defendant was unable to post bail, and he remains in the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. The defendant waived both his preliminary hearing and his formal arraignment.

The case involving the Montgomery and Delaware County robberies will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Scott Frank Frame and William Highland.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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