

At approximately 9:30 a.m. today, the PPD was advised of an armed bank robbery in Painesville Twp. at the First Merit Bank on North Ridge Road. The suspect fled the area westbound towards Painesville City. The suspect was located in the area of Route 44 and Jackson Street. Officers initiated a traffic stop which led to pursuit. The pursuit continued to the area of the 190 block of Mathews Street. Area agency officers responded to assist and suspect was ultimately located and taken into custody. Due to the concern for neighboring schools, a precautionary call was placed suggesting a lockdown of the schools until the suspect was located, which included PCLS and Our Shepard Lutheran School. Once the suspect was taken into custody, the schools were advised they could resume normal operations. The main concern was of the safety and welfare of the residents and students in the area. The investigation is ongoing and no further information will be released at this time. An update will be forthcoming.

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