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PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE REWARD FOR SERIAL BANK ROBBERY SUSPECT

York Regional Police, in partnership with Peel Regional Police and Hamilton Police Service, is hosting a press conference Tuesday where a representative of the Canadian Bankers Association will announce a \$10,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of a robbery suspect believed to have robbed at least 10 financial institution branches across southern Ontario over the last nine months.

Mr. William J. Crate, Director of Security for the Canadian Bankers Association, will be in attendance to address details of the reward. Members working out of the of the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit, as well as investigators from both Hamilton Police Service and Peel Regional Police will provide information on the incidents in their areas.

The press conference is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2010, at 11 a.m., in the Community Room at the #4 District Headquarters located at 2700 Rutherford Road in the City of Vaughan.

Between February 3, 2010 and September 11, 2010, 10 financial institution robberies were committed in the Towns of Markham and Richmond Hill and the Cities of Vaughan, Mississauga and Hamilton. In all 10 of the robberies the suspect enters the branch, vaults over the banking counter and demands money. Each time, he indicates he is armed with a weapon however, only once was a handgun actually seen. Investigators believe these robberies were committed by the same suspect.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Doug Cole of the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 6630, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-tips, leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com or text your tip by sending TIPYORK and your message to CRIMES (274637).

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