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Forgery Suspect At Large

On 02/23/2011 at approximately 10:55 hrs, Dana Arledge contacted the Detective office by telephone to report an attempted Forgery at the bank branch at 2920 South Hazel. Ms. Arledge said a black male presented a check in the amount of \$1,800.00 to be cashed and when the teller contacted the account holder he said he didn't write the check.

Detectives went to the bank and spoke with Ms. Arledge, who said the male had left behind his driver's license, social security card and military identification. Ms. Arledge gave them the suspect identification as well as the check he tried to cash. The information identified the suspect as Jim Wesley Sykes with an address out of Little Rock Ar.

The same man had reportedly cashed checks at the branch on East Harding and the branch on Olive Street. After gathering the information from the Hazel Street branch, detectives went to the other branches to get statements from the tellers and collect the forged checks for evidence. The three checks were in order from the checkbook they were stolen from. All were written on an account in the name of "High Point Enterprises". The account holders name is Leroy J. Hampton Sr. & Doris M. Hampton. I spoke with Mr. Hampton, who said he did not write the checks and he found that a page of checks had been stolen from one of his check books. Mr. Hampton said at this time he did not find any other checks missing. Mr. Hampton said he does not know Jim Sykes, but thinks a female may be involved in his checks being stolen.

Anyone having any information about the whereabouts of Jim Sykes or the identity/whereabouts of the unknown female please call the Pine Bluff Police Detective Division at 870-730-2018. All calls are kept confidential and a reward may be available.

Robert D. Rawlinson

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For additional information, I can be reached during normal working hours Monday through Friday at my office number 870-730-207. My cell number is 870-489-9965 and it is available 24 hours a day.

