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PRESS RELEASE

Avon Park SunTrust Bank Robbery

Officers with the Avon Park Police Department and Deputies with the Highlands County Sheriffs Office responded to a silent hold-up alarm at the Sun Trust Bank located at 601 U.S. Highway 27 South in Avon Park.

Just before 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday July 28, 2009 two armed assailants brandishing firearms, entered the Avon Park branch of SunTrust Bank. Both assailants took control of the interior of the bank as they were verbally giving orders to bank employees. Both assailants are described as dark complexion males wearing ball caps and sunglasses. One assailant brandished a semi-automatic handgun as the other assailant brandished a revolver type handgun.

No injuries were reported by bank employees as the assailants fled with an undisclosed amount of U.S. currency.

The Highlands County Sheriffs Office K-9 Teams were immediately available and assisted the Avon Park Police Department with the deployment of their K-9's. Both agencies worked quickly together in establishing a perimeter. It is believed the assailants possibly absconded the area by vehicle.

Avon Park Police Department Detectives are currently investigating possible leads and conducting follow up interviews.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Jason Lister or Detective Christy Harbaugh at the Avon Park Police Department (863)-453-6622 or Heartland Crime Stoppers at 800-226-TIPS.

A reward is being offered for information that leads to the arrest of these perpetrators.