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Today, Tuesday Oct. 15 at approximately 13:55 PM the Sumter County Sheriff's Office received a call in reference to a bank robbery that had just occurred at the Center State Bank located at 114 W. Belt Ave in Bushnell, Fl. The suspect was described as a black male about 6ft in his mid 30's wearing jeans, a gray long sleeved shirt and glasses. The suspect provided a note to the teller demanding money and claiming he had a gun. The suspect fled the area on foot with an undisclosed amount of currency. As the suspect fled a witness observed the suspect remove a wig revealing a bald head. He was last seen running north behind the bank on Palm Ave., as a precaution South Sumter High School and Bushnell Elementary School were placed on lock down and a CodeRed was sent out to inform the public about the situation. Sumter County's helicopter Air One was activated. Sumter County's K9 along with SCI's bloodhound responded to the scene. Sumter County's K9's tracked the area from the bank and lead deputies to Palm Ave where they lost the scent. Once it was determined the suspect had left the area in a vehicle the schools were released from lock down. The Sumter County Sheriff's Office was advised of a similar robbery occurring in Marion County approximately 2 hours prior. Marion County described a suspect fitting the description of the suspect in Sumter County's case.

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