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### **Bank robbery suspect identified**

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Ruston police obtained an arrest warrant for a Shreveport man last week and charged him with the armed robbery of the Sabine State Bank on North Trenton Street in July.

Ruston police will formally arrest Demetrius D. Hall, 27, Stonewall Street, Shreveport, on armed robbery charges after Caddo Parish authorities extradite him to Ruston. Shreveport police officers recently arrested Hall and charged him with the armed robbery of two banks there, said Lt. Curtis Hawkins, spokesman for the Ruston Police Department.

“Shreveport police have him. Whenever they get through with him, then we get him,” Hawkins said.

“We’ve had a pretty good idea for a while now just who he is. We knew he wasn’t going anywhere, so we took our time to get all our ducks in a row to successfully prosecute this case.”

A man armed with a handgun robbed the Sabine State Bank on North Trenton Street in Ruston in July. The man walked into the bank in the early afternoon hours, took out a handgun and demanded money. He left with an undetermined amount of cash.

Local law enforcement agencies searched the area surrounding the bank immediately after the robbery, but they didn’t find the suspect, Hawkins said in July.

“We received a Crime Stoppers tip in August from a person who stated that they knew the identity of the robber. That person also said that this person (Hall) robbed two banks in Shreveport,” Hawkins said.

“Our investigators took this information, and we got together with the Shreveport Police Department and compared notes. Based on the Crime Stoppers tip and the investigation we had going we were able to obtain an arrest warrant for Hall,” Hawkins said.

Caddo Parish authorities are currently holding Hall at the Caddo Parish Correctional Center on the two armed robbery charges there, Hawkins said.

“This (arrest) may not have come about without a citizen helping. We want to let that person (the caller) know how much we appreciated it,” Hawkins said.

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