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Man charged in hammer-wielding bank robbery

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A Morton Grove man has been charged in a bank robbery Monday in which the robber wielded a hammer to rob a bank in northwest suburban Park Ridge.

Anthony Nugent, 38, of the 8900 block of North Mango Street in Morton Grove was charged Thursday with bank robbery and was ordered held in federal custody until his next court appearance, the FBI said.

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Prosecutors said in a complaint filed in federal court that Nugent entered a TCF Bank branch located at 1 W. Devon Ave. in Park Ridge shortly after 9 a.m. Monday. While holding a hammer over his head, he approached a teller and demanded cash, the complaint said.

The teller handed over money and a dye pack, and Nugent fled in a late-model black Ford Mustang, the complaint said.

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Nugent was identified by a woman he had met the same day as the robbery, who said he had dye-stained money in his possession. Another person Nugent was with the day after the robbery also said he had stained money.

Nugent was arrested Wednesday at his Morton Grove home, the FBI said.

Nugent's next court date was scheduled for Aug. 12. If convicted he faces up to 20 years in prison.

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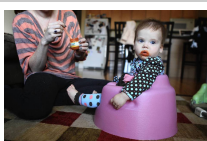
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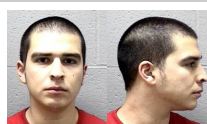
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