

New Bedford police officers arrest suspect in Bank 5 robbery

Good detective work by the New Bedford Police Department led to the arrest Saturday, March 24 of Mark Demelo, 43, for robbing the Bank 5 on 160 County St. in New Bedford on March 19.

Demelo is charged with robbing the bank at about 1:42 p.m. March 19. He fled on foot and then entered a vehicle. No weapon had been shown and no injuries were reported.

Thanks to video security systems at the bank and in the surrounding areas, detectives were able to identify the vehicle that Demelo entered shortly after fleeing the bank.

Further investigative work by detectives located the vehicle Saturday, March 24 outside a residence on Dudley Street. Police learned that Demelo had been staying at a residence on the street and, after a search warrant was executed on that address, found clothing where Demelo was staying that matched the description of clothes the bank robber was wearing at the time of the crime.

He was arrested and charged with unarmed robbery.