

## TOWN OF HAMBURG POLICE PRESS RELEASE

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Town of Hamburg Police have charged Jacob Lester, 28, of Angola with the robbery of the McKinley branch of Northwest Savings Bank on January 9<sup>th</sup>. The suspect entered the bank that day wearing an "Incredible Hulk" ski mask and ordered the teller at gunpoint to put cash into a carpenter's bag, then fled on foot.

Lester was arrested Thursday at the McKinley Mall for shoplifting. The arresting officer, Joseph O'Brien, observed that Lester resembled the composite that had been created from a witness account that saw the suspect outside the bank before he put the mask on. He also noticed that Lester was wearing the same necklace as the robbery suspect. Lester was transported to the Hamburg Police station for processing on the shoplifting charge. In the meantime, detectives obtained a search warrant for his residence where they recovered the black gun, the coat and the canvas tool bag that was used in the robbery.

Lester is charged with Robbery in the first degree, a B felony, as well as grand larceny and menacing. He was arraigned on Friday in Hamburg Town Court and remanded to the Erie County Holding Center on \$50,000 bail. He is scheduled to return for a felony hearing on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

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