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MTA Police Capture Suspect Wanted for Series of Bank Robberies in Suffolk County

MTA PD Worked Closely with Suffolk County Police and NYPD to Capture Suspect Aboard LIRR Train in Brooklyn

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police Department (MTA PD) today announced that officers have apprehended a suspect wanted for a series of at least seven bank robberies in Suffolk County that took place between Feb. 17 and March 24. The suspect was apprehended by officers from the MTA Police Department and the New York City Police Department yesterday evening on board a Long Island Rail Road train that was stopped at the East New York station in Brooklyn. The officers were able to locate the suspect after receiving information from the Suffolk County Police Department that he was believed to be on board an LIRR train.

Acting on the tip, MTA PD officers Steven Burns, Edward Russell, David Bergstein, Thomas Garland, and John Wozny canvassed the westbound platforms at Jamaica Station and boarded the train that the suspect was believed to be riding. They showed a photograph to a conductor who confirmed that he had seen the suspect aboard the train, and said that the suspect had transferred moments earlier to a second train, bound for Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn. The MTA PD then asked the LIRR central dispatching office, known as the Movement Bureau, to hold that second train at East New York.

MTA PD and NYPD officers were dispatched to the East New York station, where they canvassed the train at approximately 7:35 p.m. and found the suspect inside the bathroom of a train car. MTA PD promptly turned the suspect, Max Schneider, 21, of Dix Hills, N.Y., over to the Suffolk County Police Department, which charged him with multiple counts related to a string of bank robberies in the County.

"I'd like to commend the quick thinking and teamwork of all of the officers and the LIRR personnel who contributed to this arrest," said Douglas Zeigler, MTA Director of Security. "This arrest is a fine example of the benefits that result from the extraordinary levels of interagency cooperation we share with our regional law enforcement partners. Everyone who played a role should be commended for helping to make our region safer and more secure."