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Man indicted for robbing Fridley bank

A 45-year-old man was indicted this week in federal court in connection with the Oct. 29 holdup of a TCF Bank located inside a Cub Foods store in Fridley.

Richard Paul Delrio, unknown address, was charged Nov. 18 with one count of bank robbery. Delrio's indictment alleges that on Oct. 29 he did by force, violence and intimidation take approximately \$3,899 from a bank teller.

According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, at approximately 2:45 p.m. the robber approached the teller and laid a black handgun, which was partially wrapped in brown paper, on the counter. The robber then gave the teller a brown paper bag, and stated "put all the money in the bag." The teller complied, put money in the bag and handed it to the robber, who walked out of the bank.

After the robbery, officers stopped a SUV in the 2000 block of 14th Street in New Brighton because the driver matched the description of the robber. During a search of the vehicle, police recovered \$4,039 in cash found in a brown paper bag, a black pellet gun partially wrapped in brown paper and clothing that matched that of the robber. Delrio was arrested.

If convicted, Delrio faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. All sentences are determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the FBI, the Fridley Police Department and the New Brighton Police Department. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael A Dees.

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.

