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POLICE KILL ROBBERY SUSPECT

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Prince George's County police shot and fatally wounded a 54-year-old suspected bank robber yesterday after a chase through Bowie.

Fred Perkins of the 12000 block of Chasemount Court was hit by several bullets from a fusillade fired by seven county police officers and three Bowie city officers, said Cpl. Diane Richardson, a county police spokeswoman.

Perkins was taken to Prince George's Hospital Center, where he died about an hour later.

Officers fired after they believed they saw Perkins raise a handgun, Richardson said. They later found a gun in his car and money from the bank, she said.

The robbery occurred about 9 a.m. at the Chevy Chase Bank in a shopping center in the 10000 block of Annapolis Road in Bowie. Police said a gunman held up a teller and then stole the bank manager's Toyota Sequoia.

Officers on patrol saw a Sequoia speeding out of the shopping center and thought they saw a dye packet - a marking device that banks slip into bags of stolen money - explode inside the vehicle, Richardson said. After they heard about the robbery on their radio, they chased the driver for about 15 minutes.

The car broke down in the 13000 block of Annapolis Road, which is where the officers opened fire.

The police are conducting an investigation of the shooting, said Richardson. "We don't think he fired the gun, but it's something we're looking at," she said.

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REGIONAL DIGEST

Article Text:

Police shoot, kill robbery suspect

BOWIE - A suspect in an alleged bank robbery is dead after a chase involving police in Prince George's County.

County police and Bowie police officers shot and killed the man yesterday after he tried to rob a Chevy Chase bank and then sped off. When the man either stopped or crashed the car, he apparently got out and threatened police with a weapon. It's not clear whether he fired shots. Authorities say at least four officers fired shots at the suspect about 9:20 a.m. Police say the suspect was flown by helicopter to a nearby hospital where he died.

Police say the man left the Bowie bank in a stolen car, and officers saw him speed out of the bank's parking lot.

75 tons of trash pulled from watershed

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Thousands of volunteers are pulling trash and recyclable items from the Potomac River watershed stretching from Virginia to Pennsylvania.

By early last night, they had pulled over 75 tons of trash out of the region's waterways.

Organizers say one skimmer boat alone near the Key Bridge in Washington collected 400 pounds of trash.

This is the 20th year that the Alice Ferguson Foundation has organized the annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup. It involves 300 cleanup sites and more than 3,000 volunteers in D.C., Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

Volunteers have collected more than 62,000 bottles, 7,000 plastic bags and 500 tires.

Maryland lotteries

Drawn April 5 (night): Pick 3, 9-9-8; Pick 4, 0-2-5-3; Bonus Match 5: 07-10-12-25-39 Bonus Ball 11; Multi-Match, 01-07-18-33-34-42. The next Multi-Match drawing will be worth an estimated \$700,000.

Drawn April 5 (afternoon): Pick 3, 7-5-4; Pick 4, 9-2-9-1.

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