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SUSPECT KILLED IN CRASH WAS OSU STUDENT

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An Ohio State University student has been identified as the bank robbery suspect who was killed when a high-speed police pursuit from Pataskala ended in a head-on collision.

Daryl Williams II, 20, of South Euclid, died Tuesday when the robbery suspects' sport-utility vehicle crashed into a pickup truck on E. Broad Street on the Far East Side, federal officials said.

FBI agents and federal prosecutors declined to discuss the case before today's scheduled release of more information about the armed robbery of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association in Pataskala.

Jabrown Parks, 23, of Columbus; Lavelle Parks, 21, of Cleveland; and Chaz Frier, 22, of Maple Heights, were charged yesterday with the robbery in complaints filed in U.S. District Court in Columbus.

They remain in Columbus hospitals with injuries suffered in the crash. Jabrown and Lavelle Parks are brothers.

The FBI thinks the men have committed other area bank robberies, said Pataskala Police Chief Chris Forshey. Frier confessed to the First Federal robbery and implicated the other three men, according to an FBI affidavit.

Williams began classes at OSU this fall as a sophomore after transferring from Cleveland State University, OSU officials said. The Baker Hall resident was majoring in sports and leisure science in the College of Education.

His mother, Lori Williams of South Euclid, declined to comment.

First Federal Savings, 182 W. Broad St., was robbed at 11:38 a.m. Tuesday by three masked gunmen who forced employees to the floor and then rifled the cash drawers, authorities said. A dye pack in the stolen money exploded inside the bank, where the robbers left behind a handgun and a walkie-talkie, according to an affidavit filed by FBI Special Agent Timothy Creedon.

One of the suspects apparently entered the bank about 30 minutes before the robbery on the pretext of inquiring about banking services, he said.

Pataskala Police Lt. Michael Boals, driving toward the bank in response to the robbery alarm, spotted the suspects' vehicle and chased it west on Broad Street into Franklin County, where a Reynoldsburg officer joined the pursuit.

"The speed of the vehicles exceeded 80 miles per hour," Creedon wrote.

The SUV was traveling west in the eastbound lanes of E. Broad Street, just east of Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road, when it collided head-on with a pickup truck driven by Tammi

Sahr, 31, of Blacklick, police said.

Sahr remained hospitalized yesterday at Grant Medical Center. Her condition was unavailable because of federal privacy laws. No other charges have been filed as Columbus police continue to investigate the collision.

Williams was killed when he was partially ejected from the vehicle. About \$6,000 in cash, a bank brochure, a walkie-talkie and two handguns were recovered from the demolished SUV, the affidavit said.

A preliminary review of Boals' lights-and-siren pursuit of the fleeing SUV for about 6 miles indicates he followed the police department's pursuit policies, Forshey said.

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