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Date: June 11, 2012  
Case No. 12-9503

On June 11, 2012 at 10:44 a.m., the Portage Department of Public Safety received a report of a bank robbery at Fifth Third bank located at 8910 Portage Road. Two subjects entered the bank wearing masks and armed with handguns. The suspects fled the scene on foot with an undetermined amount of cash. Portage officers arrested two subjects a short distance from the area of the robbery after they had entered West Lake to avoid police. The robbery remains under investigation, with assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety, and Kalamazoo County Dive Team.

**UPDATE**

On Thursday, June 14, 2012, warrants were issued for two Portage men for Bank Robbery, Felonious Assault and Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony. The two Portage men are identified as Adam Ely, 30 years of age, and Evan Ely, 25 years old. The two brothers have been arraigned on all charges and are currently being held at the Kalamazoo County Jail on \$100,000 cash bond each.

Anyone who witnessed the incident is encouraged to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, [www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com](http://www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com).

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