



Covington Police Department Press Release

On 11/09/09 – the United Bank inside of Wal-Mart on Industrial Blvd. was robbed by a white male who presented a black plastic box as a bomb. He demanded money from the teller and explained that there was a bomb in the box. The perpetrator wore a disguise using a walking cane, a curly brown wig, glasses, beige ball cap and a white dust mask. He exited the Wal-Mart premises and stopped just outside the door and discarded his coat, wig, hat and the plastic box. The Wal-Mart building was evacuated and the business was shut down for approximately 2 hours. The Georgia Bureau of Investigations (GBI) responded to the scene and later determined that the black plastic box did not contain any explosives. A look-out was given for a white male approximately 5’02” – 5’06” tall and weighing 140 -170 pounds driving a light colored Chevrolet pickup truck.

On 11/19/09, at approximately 07:00 a.m., officers from the Covington Police Department; the Newton County Sheriff’s Office and the Georgia State Patrol arrested **Willard Anthony “Tony” Montgomery** for the Armed Robbery at the United Bank inside Wal-Mart. Investigators from the Covington Police Department in cooperation with the Georgia Bureau of Investigations were able to determine the identity of the suspect by analyzing surveillance and evidence left at the crime scene. Tony Montgomery is also being charged with presenting a Hoax Device in the commission of a crime. He was arrested without incident.

