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Paula Jean Wendell, Acting Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Detroit, Michigan, announces the arrest of Albert Steven Bates, also known as "Fat Boy," age 36, on October 21, 2002. Bates was arrested without incident by Special Agents of the Detroit FBI Office.

A federal criminal complaint filed October 18, 2002, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan, charged Bates with the bank robberies of Bank One, 14901 East Warren, Detroit, Michigan, on August 26, 2002 and the TCF Bank, 17535 12 Mile Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan, on September 6, 2002.

Bates was scheduled to be arraigned Monday, October 21, 2002, before a Magistrate in U.S. District Court, Detroit, Michigan.

Assistance in this investigation was also provided by the Detroit Police Department, Livonia Police Department, Lathrup Village Police Department, Mt. Clemens Police Department, Grosse Pointe Park Police Department, and the Oakland County Surveillance Team.

Acting Special Agent in Charge Wendell would also like to take this opportunity to commend all of the local Detroit media outlets and the law enforcement agencies involved for their professionalism and outstanding efforts throughout this matter.