



# City of Southfield

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Troy Police Department  
 Charles T. Craft, Chief of Police  
 500 W. Big Beaver Road  
 Troy, Michigan 48084

Dear Chief Craft,

Please accept my sincere thanks to you and members of your agency for your assistance on January 12, 2009, when William Blaszkiewicz was arrested for committing several armed robberies in Southfield and surrounding cities.

On January 8, 2009, a bank robbery occurred in our city in which a lone male implied that he had explosives. This male matched the description of a suspect who had robbed a Birmingham bank approximately one week earlier. The S.I.U. from Troy P.D., received a tip on the suspect's identity from the Birmingham robbery. Working together it was determined that the Birmingham and Southfield robberies were committed by the same suspect.

After a multi-day surveillance involving considerable leg work, cultivation of informants and electronic tracking by Southfield T.C.S.U., Troy S.I.U. and the U.S. Marshal Mobile Cell Tracking Unit, Blaszkiewicz was placed into custody on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Detectives were able to link him to a total of five armed robberies in Southfield, Birmingham, Detroit and Royal Oak.

The involvement of the Troy Police Department and the U.S. Marshal's Service were critical in bringing this case to a rapid, successful close. Please commend your officers for the degree of professionalism shown in performing their duty on our behalf.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joseph E. Thomas, Jr.  
 Chief of Police

cc: Detective/ Sergeant Salter  
 Detective Bragg  
 Detective Satterfield  
 Detective J. Jones  
 Detective Dyjewski

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