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On Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at approximately 12:28 p.m., Gallatin Police responded to a bank robbery in progress at the First State Bank located at Nashville Pike and Belvedere Drive. One suspect entered the bank displaying a large caliber weapon and took an undisclosed amount of money. That suspect joined the second suspect driving the get-away vehicle as he left the bank. Police were advised that witnesses or bank employees were chasing the suspects on foot behind the bank towards Belvedere. A short time later, as officers were arriving at the bank, a Gallatin Police officer was alerted to the suspect vehicle driving on Walnut Crest Drive. As the officer approached the area of the suspect, the suspect vehicle fled and a pursuit ensued. Suspects fired shots at the police hitting two police vehicles, disabling one of them. The pursuit continued employing several GPD units along with Sumner County Sheriff's deputies to Red River Road and Bradford Drive where the two suspects ditched the car and fled on foot into a nearby field. The suspects turned and fired shots at the pursuing officers and officers returned fire. Both suspects sustained gunshot wounds and were pronounced dead on the scene. Money was recovered from the suspect vehicle. Neither suspect has been identified at this time. The investigation is ongoing and will be handled jointly between the Gallatin Police Department and the Sumner County Sheriff's Department.

Anyone with information related to any other crimes that have occurred in Gallatin are asked to contact the Gallatin Police Department at 452-1313.