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Identification has been made on the subjects who robbed First State Bank, located at 1135 Nashville Pike in Gallatin yesterday. The subject who entered the bank wearing the leprechaun outfit has been identified as David Christopher Cotton of 6304 Wildwood Valley Road Brentwood Tennessee. The driver of the getaway vehicle has been identified as Jonathan Ryan Skinner, a student at Western Kentucky University. Preliminary investigation indicates that Mr. Cotton took his own life but verification is pending the results of the autopsy.

Information obtained from the F.B.I. Bank Robbery Task Force has linked yesterday's robbery to the December 22, 2009 robbery of the SunTrust Bank location at 4909 Old Hickory Blvd. in Nashville. In that case, the robber was wearing a Santa Claus suit. The Task Force, which includes a representative from the Gallatin Police Department, is reviewing unsolved bank robberies to determine if one or both of the suspects are responsible for any additional bank robberies.

The investigation into the incident is continuing with a joint investigation involving the Sumner County Sherriff's Department, F.B.I. Bank Robbery Task Force, and the Gallatin Police Department. Video obtained from a camera located inside a police vehicle of the suspects shooting at the officer may be viewed at www.gallatinpd.org.

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