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Subject: PRESS RELEASE; The Video Detective use on I07-2041 – Bank Robbery

The following occurred about one week after I received the Video Detective equipment from The CTAC program. I had just set up the equipment and was reviewing the training material when the bank robbery occurred. I responded from the PD and took up a parameter. I then responded to the office of the shopping plaza to retrieve the video from their surveillance equipment. I have also attached a before and after still of the enhanced picture.

On February 26, 2007, the US Bank located at 11751 SR 747 in Springdale, Ohio had a bank robbery. The suspect entered the bank and walked over to the desk that contains the deposit slips. After writing a note, the suspect presented the note to the teller and demanded money. The teller gave the suspect US Currency and then the suspect fled out of the back door of the bank. The suspect was seen running to a blue Hyundai by a postal worker. The suspect drove into an area surrounded by chain link fence and drove the car through the fence into the lot of an adjacent shopping plaza. The vehicle sustained damage to the front area. There were several surveillance cameras in the plaza that recorded the suspect vehicle running through the fence and out the drive to S.R. 747. After viewing the surveillance tape the incident was recorded and the license plate on the video was too blurry to read. The video was taken back to the police department where the Video Detective had been set up. The best clip of the vehicle leaving the lot was placed into the Video Detective and within minutes a legible plate was obtained from the surveillance video. Investigators obtained the registration information on the plate and were able to get a photograph of the suspect. The robbery was aired on the local "Crime Stoppers" program later that same evening. Within hours a tip came in that the suspect was hiding in a local motel. Detectives responded and made entry into the suspect's room where he was arrested without incident. On the bed was a

brown paper bag with \$4,026.00 US Currency inside. In a drawer near the bed was found heroin, marijuana and a syringe. At the scene, the suspect was read his Miranda rights he stated he understood his rights. He admitted to robbing the bank that day and receiving the money. He said he spent over \$600 on drugs and bought a cell phone from a crack dealer for \$20. A gray hooded sweatshirt was also recovered from the room, possibly the one he wore during the robbery. The suspect was indicted on 3/6/07 for aggravated robbery. The Video Detective was instrumental in bringing a quick resolution to this case.

