

ITEM 37 SUPPLEMENTARY
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 50
COUNCIL MEETING Aug. 3/76

Re: ARMED ROBBERY OF CANADIAN IMPERIAL
BANK OF COMMERCE, BRENTWOOD MALL

Following is a report from the Officer in Charge, Burnaby Detachment, R.C.M.P. regarding an incident that occurred at the Brentwood Mall this morning.

" At approximately 10:32 A.M. 3rd August 1976, two masked and armed male persons entered the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Brentwood Shopping Centre, Burnaby, carrying a carbine rifle and semi-automatic handgun.

Once inside the bank, one of the suspects fired a shot into the wall of the bank. After Obtaining an undetermined amount of money, both culprits fled from the bank to a vehicle parked in front of the bank, which we later determined had been stolen. The culprits apparently had dropped the keys during the holdup which prevented them from using the stolen vehicle.

By this time the R.C.M.P. had been alerted and two marked patrol cars approached the scene. One vehicle was fired at a number of times with a carbine rifle by one of the suspects. The police vehicles were immediately brought to a halt. Our members returned the gunfire, and one bullet struck the suspect, who was later taken to hospital to undergo surgery. At this time his condition is not considered to be critical.

In the meantime, the second culprit was apprehended by R.C.M.P. members in the Mall after he had fled the scene with the proceeds from the robbery. No bank employees nor any other persons in the Mall were injured. Investigation is continuing."

It has been determined that some civilians assisted police in apprehending one of the suspects. Further details concerning involvement by civilians are not available at this time. The Officer in Charge advises that a more comprehensive report on this aspect of the incident will be referred to Council at a later date.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the civilians involved and the R.C.M.P. staff involved be commended for their alertness and prompt action.

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