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**Press Release – For Immediate Release**

**Suspect arrested in Robbery**

**On the morning of Friday, July 24, 2020, the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office received a report of an armed robbery in progress at the Deerwood Bank, Garrison Branch.**

**On Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the suspect authorities believe entered the bank was arrested at a residence in Andover, Minnesota. The suspect is identified as James Richard Ardito, a 51 year old male. Ardito was previously convicted for the armed robbery of the same bank in 2007.**

**The suspect is currently being held on probable cause charges of Aggravated Robbery.**

**Authorities are still looking for the getaway vehicle used in this case which is believed to be a white Cadillac type 4 door sedan (see photo attached to this release).**

**Anyone with information about this car is asked to call the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office at 218-829-4749.**

**This remains an active and ongoing investigation by the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office working jointly with the FBI.**

**The Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Minnesota State Patrol, Brainerd Police Department, Aitkin County Sheriff's Office, Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Office, and the Minnesota DNR for their prompt assistance in responding to the robbery.**

**The Sheriff's Office would also like to thank the Anoka County Sheriff's Office, the United States Marshal Service and the FBI for their assistance with the safe arrest of the suspect in this case.**

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