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## **Suspect charged in Bleeding Heart Bakery robbery 12.16.11**

A 19-year-old convicted felon out on parole has been charged with the Dec. 5 robbery of the Bleeding Heart Bakery in downtown Oak Park and strong-armed assault of the lone clerk.

Travion D. Trapp of the 300 block of North Hamlin Avenue in Chicago was charged last night by the Cook County State's Attorney with two counts of robbery and one count each of attempted murder, aggravated kidnapping and burglary. A bond hearing is scheduled for today.

A sketch based on the clerk's description of her assailant distributed to both the public and other law enforcement agencies was key to identifying Trapp, police say. Trapp was on parole after serving one year of a three-year sentence for robbery, according to the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Based on the sketch, an alert officer from Chicago's 25<sup>th</sup> Police District recognized the suspect from an earlier traffic stop. At the same time, a Park District of Oak Park employee at Ridgeland Common, 415 Lake St., contacted police with information that allowed them to place Trapp in Oak Park the day of the robbery.

The victim picked Trapp out of a photo array and later identified him as her assailant from a line up.

The robbery occurred at about 7:15 p.m. The suspected entered the business at 1010 North Blvd., grabbed the clerk and demanded money from the cash register. He then forced the clerk to a basement storage area, where he removed additional cash from a lock box. He locked the clerk in the basement area and fled. A neighbor heard the clerk's shouts for help and called police. The clerk sustained minor injuries. Loss was estimated at about \$3,200.

Oak Park Police Chief Rick Tanksley called the arrest of Trapp a good example of the importance of cooperation among not only citizens and their local police, but also among multiple law enforcement agencies. The victim provided detailed information that allowed an artist from the Cook County Sheriff's Office to create a detailed sketch that was distributed across the area; an alert officer from Chicago followed up with vital information; and a private citizen was able to provide additional information about the offender.

"From there, it was a matter of good, old-fashioned police work – surveillance and arrest," Tanksley said.

In addition to Oak Park Police officers and investigators, members of the West Suburban Directed Gang Enforcement (WEDGE) task force also provided assistance in tracking down and arresting Trapp.

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