

# **Everett Police Department - News Release**

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## **Everett Police Capture Prolific Bank Robber**

EVERETT, Wash. – The Everett Police Department believes the bank robber nicknamed “Beardo” is in custody. Shortly after 11 am this morning, February 12, Everett Police Department detectives arrested Christian N. Franzwa, 57, in Everett, Washington. The Everett Police Department and Seattle Safe Streets Task Force believe Franzwa may be identifiable as the bank robber who has allegedly committed at least seven bank robberies in Washington State. (See previous news release [here](#).)

The subject is wanted for his alleged involvement in at least seven bank robberies:

- Monday, June 1 – Columbia Bank on Evergreen Way, Everett WA
- Monday, June 15 – Columbia Bank on Evergreen Way, Everett WA
- Thursday, July 23 – Banner Bank on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave W, Everett WA
- Wednesday, September 2 – Washington Federal Savings on 19<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Everett WA
- Friday, September 11 – Columbia Bank on Evergreen Way, Everett WA
- Friday, October 30 – Bank of Washington on SE Everett Mall Way, Everett WA
- Wednesday, December 23, 2015 – Opus Bank on 19<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Everett, WA

Investigators developed information to suggest that Franzwa may be identifiable as the “Beardo” bank robber. Since that point, Everett Police has been conducting surveillance on Franzwa, and arrested him near the intersection of 128<sup>th</sup> St. and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. W. The “Beardo” robber is known for wearing a fake beard and other articles to mask his appearance. When Franzwa was arrested he was wearing items similar to this. Detectives who were monitoring Franzwa know that he was in this same area on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. The Banner Bank on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. W was a previous target of the “Beardo” robber. Everett Police arrested and booked Franzwa for seven counts of Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.

Franzwa is an Everett resident.

This capture reflects partnerships across the northwest. This investigation was conducted jointly by the Everett Police Department and the FBI Safe Streets Task Force.

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