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Press Release

Weymouth bank robber gets 4 to 5 in State Prison

Police find demand note open on his computer screen

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A Weymouth man has admitted he robbed the Eastern Bank on Washington Street in his town on July 26, 2013 and been sentenced to State Prison.

"David B. Starck claimed to have two guns and a knife in the note he passed to a teller demanding \$8,000 in miscellaneous bills, also claiming he knew the names and addresses of bank employees," District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said after the plea. "It was a unique demand note, replete with spelling, capitalization and punctuation errors. Weymouth police eventually found the typed text of the note open as a Word document on his computer screen." The part of the note ordering not to include a GPS or dye pack or he would kill everyone, starting with the teller, was handwritten.

Police obtained the direction of Starck's flight from witnesses and followed a police tracking K9 to a townhouse at 955 Pleasant Street, which is about a half mile from the bank. Starck was found hiding in the closet of one of the upstairs bedrooms with his pants pockets stuffed with cash, Morrissey said.

"After police read him his rights, Starck admitted what was already becoming apparent – that he had committed the robbery and planned it that morning," Morrissey said. "It was after obtaining a search warrant for the residence that police found the typed text of the demand note open on the computer."

Assistant District Attorney Emily Nesson asked for 5 to 7 years in state prison. Norfolk Superior Court Judge Robert C. Cosgrove on Aug. 6, 2014 ordered 4 to 5 years in state prison. The defendant was taken into the custody of the Department of Corrections and transported to MCI-Walpole. He had been held at the Norfolk County jail in Dedham in lieu of bail since the date of the robbery.