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THE KEYS

Robber with knife gets cash from TIB Bank in Marathon

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MARATHON — A man disguised only by large sunglasses robbed the TIB Bank in Marathon on Thursday after threatening a bank teller with a steak knife.

Police say the robber, described as a balding, 40-year-old white man with brown hair, escaped on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash shortly before 11 a.m.

Detectives were still searching for him Thursday night. They had not recovered the knife.

According to witnesses, the man — whose image was captured on bank cameras — was wearing a yellow-collared shirt, blue jeans and a brown belt. He was described as approximately five-foot-nine inches tall and 140 pounds.

Last month, First State Bank on Sumnerland Key appeared targeted for robbery after a man was spotted donning a mask outside the bank and



CRIME IN PROGRESS: The Marathon sheriff's office is seeking the man, whose image is recorded by a security camera Thursday at Marathon's TIB Bank. "That man got away as did an armed robber who hit the Summerland bank in February. Detectives say Thursday's incident is probably unrelated to the previous two."

4 hurt in fatal crash remain in hospital

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Four people remained in hospital Thursday following a fiery car crash over the weekend that left three others dead on the 18 Mile Stretch between Florida City and Key Largo.

Gloria Menéndez, 76, of Miami, was still in critical condition at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Hospital officials would not disclose the extent of her injuries.

Menéndez's husband, Jose, 76, was upgraded from critical to serious condition. His granddaughters, Eissa Sadler, 13, and Tatiana Sadler, 16, were listed in good condition at MCH. The children's mother, Caliente Sadler, was discharged from the hospital on Thursday.

"Police say Clayton Lee Howard, 21, of Key Largo, was heading home Sunday night after visiting friends in Homestead when he lost control of his 1999 Saturn after passing another car at high speed on the grassy shoulder of U.S. 1, a mile marker 122.

Rivard, a 1997 Coral Gables graduate, spent one and a half weeks in the northbound lane, striking Colonel Sadler's Toyota van, setting a fire.

Sadler's daughter, Alannah, 13, died last Friday morning.

Rivard was shown from his car again injured and died Saturday. His passenger, Jason David Raush, 22, of Fort Lauderdale, died in the crash.

Investigators are awaiting blood test results to determine whether Rivard was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the crash. Snuffy beer cans were found in his vehicle.

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DOG COLLAR
Jim Hale, a 12-year resident of Key West, pedals down Simonton Street with his Boston Terrier Milo hanging on his back on Thursday. Hale traces Milo, after Hurricane Georges in 1998 and trained the dog to ride along with him on his bike and scooter.

Lobbyist fights hard for contract

TALLAHASSEE — (AP) — A Republican tactician who will play a key role in efforts to get Gov. Jeb Bush re-elected got a last-minute no-bid contract into the state's \$48 billion budget.

And then Randy Enwright kept the project from being vetoed.

Enwright, who was hired last week by the national party to oversee its support of Bush's re-election bid, said he did not lobby the governor personally but did speak to "some people" in his office.

"Specifically who and when I don't remember, to be honest," he told The Palm Beach Post in a Thursday story.

Bush said Enwright's representation of the company that will get the contract — TSI Management Corp. of Atlanta — had no bearing on his decision not to veto the project, which entails spending up to \$2 million on an anti-smoking program.

Bush said he didn't veto the project because it doesn't require a set amount to be spent but allows the state Department of Health to spend "up to \$2 million" on the project.

Bush last week vetoed \$20 million in projects from next year's budget. More than two dozen were vetoed because they were added to the budget by the joint House-Senate conference committee with little or no debate — as was Enwright's project.

Enwright is a former executive director of the state Republican Party. TSI just wanted to expand on its current contract to provide material for the "Science, Tobacco and You" kits the Health Department gives to fourth- and fifth-grade teachers.

KEYS ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

TODAY 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Sunset Pier, Ocean Key House, Key West. ▶ Terry Cassidy plays from noon to 4 p.m.; Pete and Wayne from 5 to 8 p.m.; and Monoceros from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Snappy Joe's Bar, Key West. ▶ Group Therapy at 9 p.m. at The Hurricane, Marathon. ▶ Little Mike & The Torreadors at Margaritaville Cafe, Key West. ▶ Robert Albury Band plays from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at Sunset Pier, Ocean Key House, Key West. ▶ Dan Mobley, Kevin So, and High Cotton at Hog's Breath Saloon, Key West. THURSDAY ▶ Terry Cassidy plays from noon to 4 p.m.; Pete and Wayne from 5 to 8 p.m.; and Monoceros from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Snappy Joe's Bar, Key West. ▶ Group Therapy at 9 p.m. at The Hurricane, Marathon. ▶ Little Mike & The Torreadors at Margaritaville Cafe, Key West. ▶ Bob Bourbon Gille at 9:30 p.m. at Sunset Pier, Ocean Key House, Key West. ▶ Dan Mobley, Clint Bullard, and High Cotton at Hog's Breath Saloon, Key West. FRIDAY ▶ Terry Cassidy plays from noon to 4 p.m.; Pete and Wayne from 5 to 8 p.m.; and Monoceros from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Snappy Joe's Bar, Key West. ▶ Group Therapy at 9 p.m. at The Hurricane, Marathon. ▶ Little Mike & The Torreadors at Margaritaville Cafe, Key West. ▶ Bob Bourbon Gille at 9:30 p.m. at Sunset Pier, Ocean Key House, Key West. ▶ Dan Mobley, Clint Bullard, and High Cotton at Hog's Breath Saloon, Key West. SATURDAY ▶ Terry Cassidy plays from noon to 4 p.m.; Pete and Wayne from 5 to 8 p.m.; and Monoceros from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Snappy Joe's Bar, Key West. ▶ Group Therapy at 9 p.m. at The Hurricane, Marathon. ▶ Little Mike & The Torreadors at Margaritaville Cafe, Key West. ▶ Bob Bourbon Gille at 9:30 p.m. at Sunset Pier, Ocean Key House, Key West. ▶ Dan Mobley, Clint Bullard, and High Cotton at Hog's Breath Saloon, Key West. SUNDAY ▶ Chris Case plays from noon to 4 p.m.; Zac Seemiller from 5 to 8 p.m.; and Monoceros at 10 p.m. at Snappy Joe's Bar, Key West. ▶ Sunday night juke at 9 p.m. at The Hurricane, Marathon. ▶ Little Mike & The Torreadors at Margaritaville Cafe, Key West. ▶ Bob Bourbon Gille at 9:30 p.m. at Sunset Pier, Ocean Key House, Key West. ▶ Dan Mobley, Clint Bullard, and High Cotton at Hog's Breath Saloon, Key West. MONDAY ▶ Joel Nelson plays from noon to 4 p.m.; Zac Seemiller from 5 to 8 p.m.; and Monoceros at 10 p.m. at Snappy Joe's Bar, Key West. TUESDAY ▶ Joel Nelson plays from noon to 4 p.m.; Robert Albury from 5 to 8 p.m.; and Monoceros from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Snappy Joe's Bar, Key West. ▶ Mama Joe at 10 p.m. at The Hurricane, Marathon. ▶ Last Tribe at Margaritaville Cafe, Key West. ▶ Pete & Wayne at 8:30 to 10 p.m. at Sunset Pier, Ocean Key House, Key West. ▶ Clint Bullard and Larry Baeder Band at Hog's Breath Saloon, Key West. WEDNESDAY ▶ Zac Seemiller plays from noon to 4 p.m.; Pete and Wayne from 5 to 8 p.m.; and Monoceros from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Snappy Joe's Bar, Key West. THURSDAY ▶ Terry Cassidy plays from noon to 4 p.m.; Pete and Wayne from 5 to 8 p.m.; and Monoceros from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Snappy Joe's Bar, Key West. ▶ Alan James Hutchinson Band at 9 p.m. at The Hurricane, Marathon. ▶ Last Tribe at Margaritaville Cafe, Key West. ▶ Robert Albury Band at 8:30 to 10 p.m. at Sunset Pier, Ocean Key House, Key West. ▶ Clint Bullard and Larry Baeder Band at Hog's Breath Saloon, Key West. FRIDAY ▶ Terry Cassidy plays from noon to 4 p.m.; Pete and Wayne from 5 to 8 p.m.; and Monoceros from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Snappy Joe's Bar, Key West. ▶ Alan James Hutchinson Band at 9 p.m. at The Hurricane, Marathon. ▶ Last Tribe at Margaritaville Cafe, Key West. ▶ Salsa Saturday with DJ & Dancers 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Sunset Pier, Ocean Key House, Key West. ▶ Clint Bullard and Larry Baeder Band at Hog's Breath Saloon, Key West. SATURDAY ▶ Terry Cassidy plays from noon to 4 p.m.; Pete and Wayne from 5 to 8 p.m.; and Monoceros from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Snappy Joe's Bar, Key West. ▶ Alan James Hutchinson Band at 9 p.m. at The Hurricane, Marathon. ▶ Last Tribe at Margaritaville Cafe, Key West. ▶ Salsa Saturday with DJ & Dancers 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Sunset Pier, Ocean Key House, Key West. ▶ Clint Bullard and Larry Baeder Band at Hog's Breath Saloon, Key West. SUNDAY ▶ Terry Cassidy plays from noon to 4 p.m.; Pete and Wayne from 5 to 8 p.m.; and Monoceros from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Snappy Joe's Bar, Key West. ▶ Alan James Hutchinson Band at 9 p.m. at The Hurricane, Marathon. ▶ Last Tribe at Margaritaville Cafe, Key West. ▶ Salsa Saturday with DJ & Dancers 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Sunset Pier, Ocean Key House, Key West. ▶ Clint Bullard and Larry Baeder Band at Hog's Breath Saloon, Key West.
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