

GENERAL NEWS

'Blue Eyed Bandit' charged in bank robbery

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A Harrison County man known as the "Blue Eyed Bandit" has been arrested as the third suspect connected with the March 19 robbery of the Integra bank of Mt. Olivet.

Jeffrey A. Pratt, who has a listed alias of The Blue Eyed Bandit, 30, of Cynthiana, was arrested May 28 by Kentucky State Police Post 6 Detective Clinton Graves and charged with burglary, 3d degree.

"Investigation revealed that (Pratt) entered the Integra Bank of Mt. Olivet. He scaled the front coun-

ter, advised the tellers to get out of his way and open the drawers," states the arrest citation issued to Pratt by Graves. "The defendant then removed money totaling \$3,640 dollars and fled on foot. Two accomplices, Miguel Ayala and Anna Smith have been previously arrested."

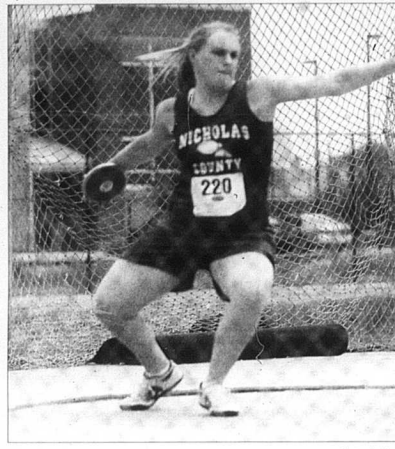


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Hunter places in Class-A

Nicholas County High School sophomore Megan Hunter finished second in the Class-A State Track meet in the discus. She is the daughter of Randy and Paula Hunter of Carlisle.

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He (Pratt) has also confessed to robbing the bank of Berry, Kentucky. Graves said other charges, including those related to the bank robbery in Berry, might soon be filed against Pratt.

Ayala has confirmed that he knew of the robbery, and

was asked by (Pratt) to participate in another robbery and provides specifics about other bank robberies in adjoining Harrison County, court records state.

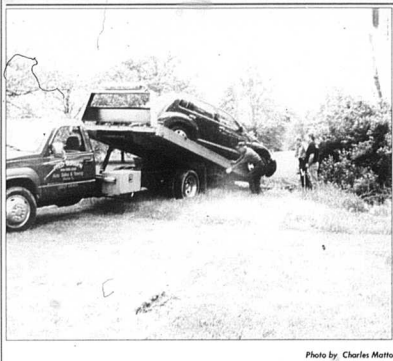
Pratt remains lodged in the Scott County Jail on \$10,000 cash bond.

He is scheduled to appear in Robertson County District Court today for his arraignment.

Pratt has pending charges in Harrison County in relation to the Berry bank robbery.

"A moped was used in the robbery and Mr. Pratt told us where we would find the moped," Harrison County Sheriff Bruce Hampton said. The bank robbery in Berry occurred in October of 2007 with Pratt being arrested by Harrison County Lawmen on April 28.

According to Hampton, Graves and Insko, Pratt has no history of violence or using a weapon, but does have a history of avoiding law men, according to the three. All stated that Pratt can be elusive, and has even been known to jump from a courthouse window to try to make an escape in the past.



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