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## **COMMERCE STATE BANK ROBBERY 6/29/09**

### **COMMENTS AND INSIGHT by COMMERCE STATE BANK CEO JOE FAZIO**

CEDARBURG, WI: On the morning of Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, the Cedarburg location of Commerce State Bank, located at W61 N297 Washington Avenue, experienced an armed robbery. Fortunately, no one was injured. During and after the incident, we focused our efforts and attention on the safety of our employees and clients, and fully cooperating with law enforcement officials. These priorities prevented us from issuing a public statement until now.

Our employees' actions were exemplary. All of Commerce State Bank's employees receive training that teaches them how to conduct themselves in these situations and they followed every protocol and procedure. We are grateful for their professional response and courageousness.

Clients of Commerce State Bank can rest assured that their funds are safe and secure following this real-life test of our security systems and procedures. The financial strength of the bank remains intact as we are amply insured. Commerce State Bank will be open for business as usual on Tuesday morning, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

We are diligently working with law enforcement to help them to apprehend the suspect.

The outpouring of concern and support from our neighbors in Cedarburg has overwhelmed us. It has reinforced our belief that becoming part of the Cedarburg community was the right decision for us.

Commerce State Bank opened in the fall of 2005 and has grown to \$295 million in assets. For more information, please contact Joe Fazio, Chairman, CEO & Co-founder of Commerce State Bank at (262) 247-2802.

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