

## ' UMBRELLA BANDIT ' SUSPECT TRACED BY ONE FINGERPRINT

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A single **fingerprint** led to the arrest of a Detroit man who authorities believe is the " **Umbrella Bandit** " responsible for robberies that netted more than \$80,000 from 15 banks in the last 20 months, federal court documents filed Wednesday indicate.

Darryl Johnson, 38, a convicted bank robber who lives in the 16800 block of Shaftsbury, was charged Wednesday in District Court 14-2 in Ypsilanti with the Aug. 1, 1986, robbery of the National Bank of Ypsilanti.

"He is viewed **by** the FBI as the prime **suspect** in the 14 other robberies, and evidence seized at his home is being processed to determine if a prosecutable federal violation exists," said Kenneth Walton, special agent in charge of the Michigan FBI office.

Walton said the **Umbrella Bandit** , so named because he often used an **umbrella** that he filled with stolen money and closed before fleeing, has robbed banks in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties since June 1986.

Johnson was arrested Wednesday after a **fingerprint** found on a gun dropped at **one** of the robberies was matched to him, according to a search warrant affidavit filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Detroit **by** FBI Special Agent Terry Booth.

Booth said he believed the **Umbrella Bandit** had a previous record and reviewed Detroit police records to find holdup men with similar methods.

"I pared that list down to 14 possibles and took their **fingerprints** and a single print we had off a gun from the Aug. 1, 1986, robbery to the MSP (Michigan State Police) lab. And bingo, we got a match," Booth said.

Johnson, who was ordered held in the Washtenaw County Jail on \$100,000 bond, faces a preliminary examination Feb. 24.

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