

## '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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