

Editor's Note: Tree-related humor is hard to come by, so TreeLink is building a collection. Here's a thread initiated by Edith Makra of Morton Arboretum on our Urban Natural Resources Network.

Bank Robber Dressed As A Tree Caught In N.H.

MANCHESTER, NH Police say they've caught the man who dressed up as a tree and robbed a bank in Manchester, New Hampshire.

A man duct-taped tree branches to his head and body and walked into the Citizens Bank on Elm Street just as it opened Saturday.

He did not show a weapon and he left with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Police released surveillance photos of the bizarre robbery and someone called them later in the day.

That anonymous tip led them to 49-year-old James Coldwell of Manchester. He was arrested at his home late Saturday night.

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,288542,00.html>

Not the kind of tree champion we are looking for!

Edith Makra
Community Trees Advocate
The Morton Arboretum

Do you think it was a . . . branch office?

Nicholas Kuhn
City Forester of Albuquerque, NM

Perhaps the police were stumped!

Cindy Stachowski

A lesson from this story: If you rob a bank, don't leaf any clues.

John Melvin, Forester I, Urban Forester
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Oh, that old chestnut. Money is the root of all evil.

Dan Staley
Senior Long Range Planner

Probably didn't have enough green stashed in his trunk at home.....

(how many more bad puns on this can there be?????)

Nolan Rundquist, City Arborist
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He was pineing for a better life...

They should have just told him to leave...

Witnesses said..."He was a shady character..."

Nicholas Kuhn
City Forester of Albuquerque, NM

I guess life will be a beech for him in the next while!

Philip van Wassenauer
Mississauga, Ontario

I am going to go out on a limb and suggest that he may turn over a new leaf.

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Did you see the bank surveillance video with the footage of the man's disguise?

<http://www.cnn.com/2007/US/07/08/tree.odd.ap/index.html#cnnSTCVideo>

This guy is acorn-ey one!

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I hope everyone noticed that the bank was located on Elm Street though he appears to be using oak leaves for his disguise. Maybe he should branch out and include costume design in his

repertoire.

Outerbridge Horsey
Trees for Georgetown

Its not as bad as everyone thinks.

Last week a man was caught intentionally cutting down an apple tree. He was charged with Malus Murder.

Jesse Milton
Onebark Consulting Arborist

I heard the guy surrendered peacefully to police. I guess his bark was worse than his bite.

W. Todd Watson, Ph.D.
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OK before someone yells "timber," we have harvested all you jokers on one log.
We will create a **Tree Humor** file and plant it on TreeLink along with a few other species you have shared over the years.

Team TreeLink

A j-oak log. I like it. That should really spruce up your website. I bet it will be poplar. I know I'm pining to see it.

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