

# Barton Bank Robbed

BARTON (UPI) — State police set up roadblocks Friday night in an attempt to catch four gun-toting bandits who held up the Howard Bank on the village common in broad daylight.

No one was injured in the robbery, and state police Sgt. Harold Kenney said that as dusk fell, authorities were still trying to figure out how much money had been taken.

Witnesses said a large, black car with Massachusetts license plates rolled into the center of the northeastern Vermont village just before 3 p.m. and stopped in front of the bank.

Kenney said a man, apparently unarmed and with no disguise, walked into the bank and, using "foul language," demanded money.

He was followed by two men carrying either shotguns or rifles. Both were disguised, Kenney said, and one wore dark glasses and a fake goatee.

William May, a lawyer with offices over the bank, said he heard loud noises and yelling, and looked out the window to see the three bandits emerge from the bank.

"I thought someone had started a fight in front of the place," he said.

The three men jumped into the car, where a fourth man was waiting. Witnesses said the car wheeled around and headed south out of town on Route 5.

May got the license number, but state police said it turned out the car had been reported stolen in Boston recently.

The car was found abandoned a short time later in South Barton.

State police said they believed the men obtained a second car.