

FOR BANK ROBBERY

POLICE POP 'PAPER BAG' BANK BANDIT

By JACK PERITZ
A NEW JERSEY man was arrested last night as the notorious "paper bag bandit" who pulled at least 16 bank jobs in New York since 1981.

The total take of the suspect, Mitchel Pamplin, amounted to over \$40,000, according to Detectives John Gasper and Kathy Burke of the Major Case Squad.

His last job was on Dec. 11, they said.

Each time he walked into a bank — and Citicorp proved his favorite, he hit it 12 times — he'd carry a brown paper bag and a folded newspaper.

The bandit would walk over to a teller, hand her the bag and lay the folded newspa-

MITCHEL PAMPLIN
Under arrest.

per on the counter, telling his victim there was a gun inside.

On his threat to "blow your head off" with the gun hidden in the newspaper, the teller would stuff the bag with 20s,

50s and 100s. Pamplin, 28, then would walk outside to his motorcycle for the ride back to 158 Dodds St., West Orange, N.J., police said.

No one was ever hurt in the robberies. The gun was never seen. "We don't know if he even had one," said Gasper.

Gasper said Pamplin confessed to at least 16 jobs, and he is a suspect in two more.

Police said they got information about Pamplin after doing a TV "Crime Stopper" show about him in October.

His picture, taken by bank cameras, was shown.

"From that we got information about his family," said Gasper.