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BROADCAST STYLE:

A MAN CONFINED TO A WHEELCHAIR WAS ARRESTED FOR ALLEGEDLY STEALING 6-HUNDRED DOLLARS FROM A PHOENIX WOMAN THIS MORNING.

THE ROBBER ... SUFFERING FROM CEREBRAL PALSY ... PULLED A KNIFE ON THE WOMAN AS SHE WAS TAKING MONEY OUT OF AN ATM OUTSIDE THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK AT 1ST STREET AND CENTRAL AVENUE, ACCORDING TO PHOENIX POLICE.

THE WOMAN SAID THE MAN POINTED THE GUN AT HER AND SPASTICALLY SHOOK IT AROUND. SHE SAID SHE WAS AFRAID HE WAS GOING TO SHOOT HER.

AFTER SHE HANDED OVER THE 6-HUNDRED DOLLARS, THE WHEELCHAIR-BOUND MAN SHOVED THE GUN INTO A POCKET AND QUICKLY WHEELED AWAY.

THE WOMAN IMMEDIATELY CALLED POLICE, WHO STOPPED THE CRIPPLED MAN JUST A FEW BLOCKS AWAY FROM THE BANK. HE WAS ARRESTED AND TAKEN TO CENTRAL LOCKUP, WHERE HE IS BEING HELD PENDING A HEARING.

