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## **Armstrong condemns Stewartstown bank robbers**

Mid-Ulster MLA Billy Armstrong has condemned the thugs who held up the Ulster Bank in Stewartstown on Wednesday afternoon, and urged anyone with information to contact the Police immediately.

The Ulster Unionist representative said;

“I totally condemn the individuals who held up the Ulster Bank in the Square in Stewartstown this (Wednesday) afternoon.

As with the recent raids on cash machines, once again people living in rural areas have been greatly inconvenienced. I am still convinced that the closure of rural police stations such as Stewartstown is not helping the Police to maintain a highly visible presence on the ground in rural areas.

Having said that, the Police can only do their job effectively with the full assistance of local communities and a flow of information, so I would appeal to anyone who was in the area at the time to contact the Police. Any information, however small or insignificant it may seem, could be the key to helping the Police to apprehend these thugs who put the bank staff through a terrible ordeal. They must be caught and put away where they cannot terrorise communities and people going about their lawful business.”

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