

Attempted Unarmed Robbery on Columbus Day

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A police officer was driving past a bank in East Boston on Columbus Day when he saw [39-year-old Carlos Leger trying to enter the building](#). Leger was standing outside awkwardly, wearing latex gloves, sunglasses, and a hat. After pulling over to investigate the situation, the officer found a note on Leger that read, "Give me all the money. No dye pack." Leger was arrested for attempted unarmed robbery; he had difficulty gaining entry to the bank, because he failed to realize that it was a holiday, and all banks would be closed.

Unarmed robbery is defined under [A.R.S. 13-1902](#) as:

A person takes property from another person against their will by threatening or forcing the person to surrender the property. [Robbery](#) is a class 4 felony.

Since Leger was unsuccessful, he was charged with attempted robbery. Attempt is defined in A.R.S. section [13-1001](#) as:

A person commits attempt if the person:

1. Intentionally engages in conduct that would constitute an offense.
2. Intentionally does or omits to do anything which is any step in a course of conduct planned to culminate in commission of an offense.
3. Engages in an act that is intended to aid a person in committing an offense.

Attempt is a:

1. Class 2 felony if the offense attempted is a class 1 felony.
2. Class 3 felony if the offense attempted is a class 2 felony.
3. Class 4 felony if the offense attempted is a class 3 felony.
4. Class 5 felony if the offense attempted is a class 4 felony.
5. Class 6 felony if the offense attempted is a class 5 felony.
6. Class 1 misdemeanor if the offense attempted is a class 6 felony.
7. Class 2 misdemeanor if the offense attempted is a class 1 misdemeanor.
8. Class 3 misdemeanor if the offense attempted is a class 2 misdemeanor.
9. Petty offense if the offense attempted is a class 3 misdemeanor or petty offense.

Because robbery is a class 4 [felony](#), Leger is guilty of a class 5 felony according to A.R.S. guidelines regarding attempt. If convicted, Leger could face up to two years in prison if this is his first felony offense.

Attempting a crime is just as serious as following through with it if the offender's intent to commit the crime can be proven.

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