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### Byron Shane Chubbuck

Off the wall, out of his mind, bold, brazen and well spoken, Byron Shane Chubbuck, a.k.a. Robin the Hood, was the object of the most bizarre manhunt of 2001. Chubbuck earned the nickname from local police after they learned he earmarked a portion of his take from robbing 14 local banks in 1999 to be funneled to Zapatista rebels fighting for indigenous rights in Chiapas, Mexico.

On Dec. 21, 2000, Chubbuck escaped from a prison van in the North Valley and almost immediately started knocking off banks again. According to news reports, Chubbuck never brandished a firearm and took pride in conducting himself in an upbeat, courteous manner during most of his heists, easily earning him *Alibi's* first and last "Outlaw of the Year" honor. He was re-captured in a shootout with police on Feb. 7, 2001, after an associate accidentally tipped off APD to Chubbuck's whereabouts by delivering letters written by Chubbuck intended to be broadcast by 94 Rock's morning show host, TJ Trout. Chubbuck had also been calling Trout and airing his grievances over New Mexico's treatment of prisoners and the overall inequities of the world.

Chubbuck's wild ride came to its conclusion on Oct. 15, 2001, when U.S. District Judge Bruce D. Black added 40 more years to his existing 40-year sentence.

Perhaps in an attempt to write his own epitaph, Chubbuck told the *Albuquerque Tribune* in September: "I am still able to hold my head up and feel the gratification for my work in a world where money, power and destructive industry are regarded far above humanity, indigenous, and impoverished peoples and cultures. I cannot help that I got into my work."