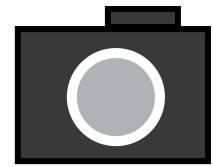


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## BREAKING NEWS: COPS VS ROBBERS





# ROBBERY AT VEX CITY BANK, WITH A SPIN

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On Sunday, January 8th, 2023, a massive robbery occurred at the local Vex City Bank building. While there have been rumors of Vex City working on a cryptocurrency project by the name of “Spin Up”, three robbers — who call themselves Thom, Phil, and Robert — may have unveiled what exactly this project is all about, and perhaps in the most unusual way.

While the robbers are reluctant to share the details of their excursion, footage suggests that they had removed sections of a vault’s walls weeks before, allowing them to observe the highly confidential area and strategize on how to steal as much cryptocurrency as possible — something they referred to as “points”. While the program the robbers had made for their robots eventually backfired, two police officers by the names of Trilly and Grace were testing out the functions of the cryptocurrency at the same time, and they eventually spotted the robbers. The two claim that they called for backup right after spotting them — but the robbers say otherwise.

The Vex City Bank ended up losing about 78 points to the robbers, which, according to the bank, roughly converts to 2.7 million USD. The robbers are being held in the local jail, being investigated for their previous criminal activities while awaiting further prosecution. Trilly and Grace are being interrogated for their supposed misconduct.

If anybody is curious about the recent events, Vex City has offered The Spectator special permission to publish their found footage of the robbery: <https://youtu.be/UsOJJx8fjdl>

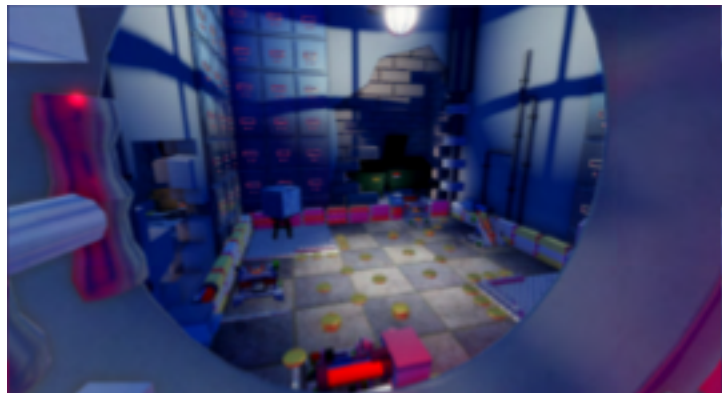
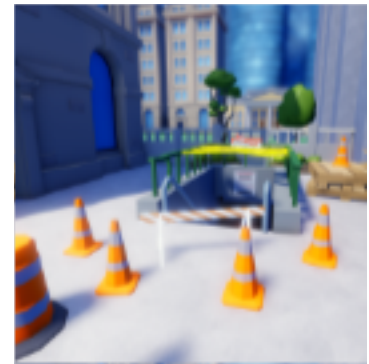
THOM



PHIL



ROBERT



TRILLY



GRACE



## ROBBERY AT VEX CITY BANK, WITH A SPIN (CONTINUED)

We have also provided a transcript in case the video is inaccessible to some viewers:

**Thom:** You ready?

**Phil:** Yeah, let's wreck the place up.

**Phil:** Robert? Are you ready? 'Cuz we are!

**Robert:** Yeah, yeah. Get in.



**Robert:** You guys better know what you're doin.

**Thom:** Nahhhh, we'll be fine.



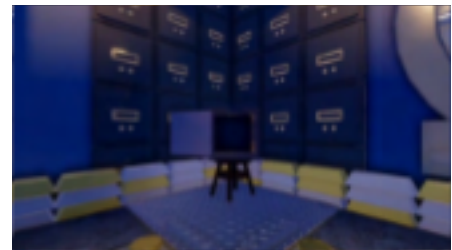
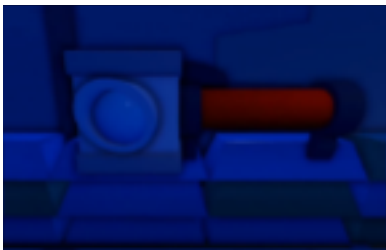


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**Thom:** We'll place our robots here, where the wall was removed, right? The cops can't detect us if we start up our program there.



We can then disable their cameras, grab some gold, and shoot it into that fake vault box that Phil planted, all within 15 seconds.



We just have to be careful not to cross the lasers — otherwise we're dead. But think about it, 5 points for each disc isn't bad, right?

**Robert:** Just... remember the honor code, alright? Don't go damaging the vault stuff. We leave no traces — even if we end up facing them head-on.

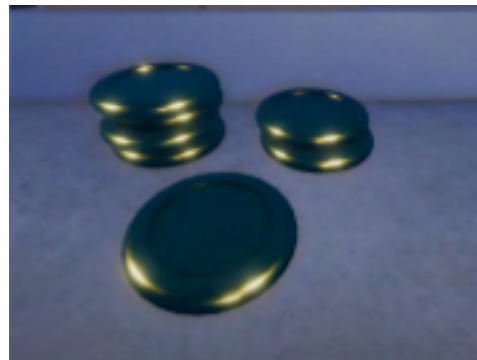




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**Phil:** Chill, Robert. My autonomous worked the first time I tested it. Here, you guys –

**Phil:** These gold coins were just... lying here, too. I put two discs in each robot. I left part of the wall open so that we can possibly shoot them into the vault.



**Thom:** Ready? Are we ready? Robert, are you ready?

**Robert:** Will you be quiet? We don't have much time. Just remember the plan, alright?

**Thom:** Know it like the back of my hand!



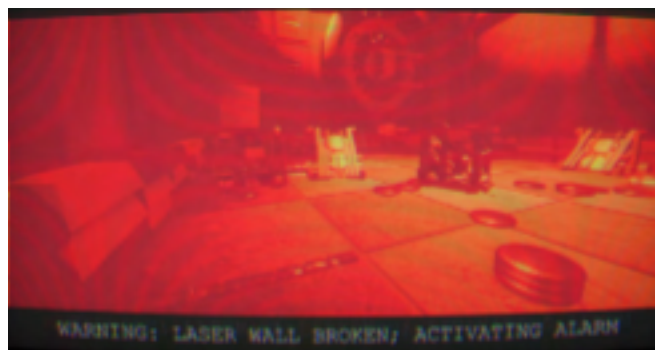
**Grace:** Hahaha, look at my robot go. One point each, how about that?





## ROBBERY AT VEX CITY BANK, WITH A SPIN (CONTINUED)

**Trilly:** That's janked. At least mine's actually activating the 10-point... security... cameras... What is that?!



**Robert:** Aaaagghh! What now?

**Phil:** I swear the auton should've worked! I set the box to retract in one minute and forty-five seconds...! We already have some good points in there, and we could get the single trapdoor coins later.



If we cover lots of ground, I'm sure we can extract 3 points from each tile-

**Grace:** LISTEN UP YOU CROOKS!





## ROBBERY AT VEX CITY BANK, WITH A SPIN (CONTINUED)

We could just taze your butts right now, but we wanna have some fun.



You said one minute, forty five seconds? WELL LET US HAVE IT!



**Thom:** No going back now! We're going to be the BEST ROBBERS IN VEX CITY HISTORY!





## ROBBERY AT VEX CITY BANK, WITH A SPIN (CONTINUED)

**High Goals:** The elevated fake vault box (robbers) and test vault box (cops).

**Low Goals:** Vault trapdoors in the banked. The robbers gained control of one of them before the heist.

**Rollers:** The temporary security cameras mounted on the sides of the vault, about 15 inches off the floor. These cameras have been made to hide the cryptocurrency known as “points”.

**Discs:** The gold coins placed around the vault, 38 on the field. Phil found 11 gold coins total as preloads (4) and match loads (7), placing two in each robot. The cops had access to 11 spare gold coins as well.

**Metal Ramp:** The single brick that Philip took out of the wall. Only one coin could fit at a time.

**Autonomous Period:** The robbers’ fifteen second plan. They were unable to use their controllers during this time, as the waves could trigger the security system.

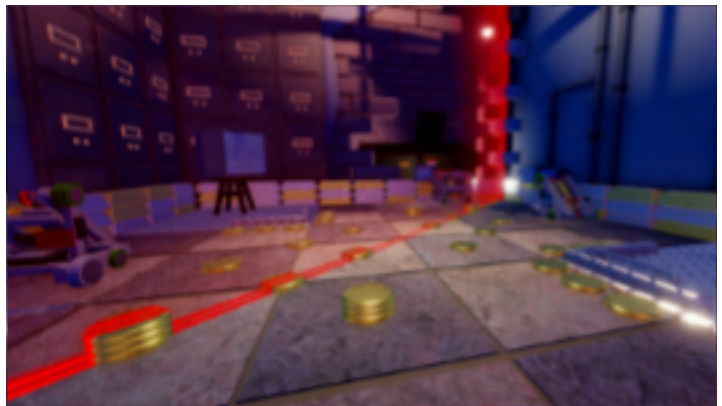
**Autonomous Line:** The laser wall going diagonally across the bank vault. Once the robbers crossed the wall, the security system went off, meaning that they couldn’t claim the points from their fifteen second plan right away.

**Tiles (horizontal expansion):** The tiles laid out in a 6x6 grid on the vault floor. Within each of these tiles, 3 points are stored. Due to the limits of the security system, the cops and robbers could only expand in the last ten seconds of the match.

**Driver controlled period:** The time after the fifteen second plan up to when the fake vault box would retract. The cops and robbers were able to use their controllers during this time, as the criminals’ cover had already been blown.

**Game Rule Book:** Vex City’s Legal Honor Code. Criminals could get away with an easier punishment if they abided by the code.

**Driver Stations:** Behind the brick wall for the robbers, and behind the vault door for the cops.



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