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KENNESAW MAN CONVICTED OF MULTIPLE BANK ROBBERIES

Jury Returns Guilty Verdict on Four of Six Counts of Federal Indictment

Atlanta, GA - A jury in federal district court has returned a guilty verdict against WILLIAM ELLIOTT HICKS, 45, of Kennesaw, Georgia, on four charges of armed bank robbery. HICKS was acquitted on two other counts.

United States Attorney David Nahmias said of today's verdict, "As the evidence proved at trial, this defendant repeatedly robbed banks in Marietta during 2002 and 2003, pointing a gun and terrorizing bank employees and customers inside. The jury's verdict will ensure that this criminal will be in federal prison and unable to commit any more crimes for a long time."

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the evidence presented in court at trial: HICKS, who worked as an insurance adjuster, robbed the First Union/Wachovia Bank located at 761 Powder Springs Road in Marietta, on December 3, 2002, and August 6, 2003. He also robbed the East Marietta Branch of the Bank of America, 1430 Roswell Road in Marietta, on September 5, 2003, and December 27, 2003. In all four robberies, HICKS wore a mask and gloves, took command of the banking floor with his voice, and pointed what appeared to be a handgun at the tellers. In fleeing from two of the robberies, he dropped the guns, which turned out to be air pistols. The Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested HICKS on August 18, 2004, after his automobile was identified as the getaway car in a February 17, 2004, robbery of another Bank of America Branch in Cobb County. HICKS was indicted by a federal grand jury on September 15, 2004, in a six-count indictment, charging him with one count of bank robbery and five counts of armed bank robbery.

After a 5 ½-day trial in federal court, the jury today returned a verdict of guilty on four counts of armed bank robbery and not guilty on one count of bank robbery and a fifth count of armed bank robbery. According to the evidence, HICKS' DNA was found on clothing dropped at all four robberies of which he was convicted.

This case is being investigated by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with assistance from the Marietta Police Department and the Cobb County Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorneys Jane Wilcox Swift and Jon-Peter Kelly are prosecuting the case.

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