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SAN ANTONIO BANK ROBBER SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that in San Antonio this morning, 38-yearold Raymond D. Abreu, Jr., was sentenced to 57 months in federal prison for the robbery of a Guaranty Bank back in January. Abreu also received an additional 12 months imprisonment on a revocation for a prior conviction for use of interstate facilities in aid of racketeering enterprises.

In addition to the prison term, United States District Judge Orlando Garcia ordered that Abreu pay \$70,000 restitution and be placed under supervised release for a period of three years after completing his prison term.

Pleading guilty in June of this year, Abreu admitted that on January 25, 2008, he entered the Guaranty Bank located at 3101 Thousand Oaks Drive in San Antonio, armed with what appeared to be a bomb strapped to his body and demanded from a bank employee money from the bank's vault. After obtaining approximately \$70,000, the defendant fled the bank on foot to a getaway vehicle nearby. Information gathered during the investigation ultimately led authorities to Abreu and his accomplice, Richard Anthony Ryan. Ryan, who has pleaded guilty to bank robbery, faces up to 20 years in federal prison. He is scheduled for sentencing later this year.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives together with investigators from the San Antonio Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney David Counts is prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

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