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BLOOMINGTON MAN SENTENCE TO MORE THAN 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR INDIANAPOLIS BANK ROBBERY

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ANTHONY S. HARRELL, 24, Bloomington, Indiana, was sentenced to 188 months imprisonment on Friday by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following his guilty plea to armed bank robbery. This case was the result of an investigation by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On September 19, 2007, a single male entered the Sky Bank branch at 91st and Meridian in Indianapolis. He wore all white, including his shoes, shorts, long sleeve t-shirt and baseball cap. He jumped the counter and pulled out a gun demanding money. The bank employees turned over teller drawer money amounting to a little more than \$6300.

HARRELL was identified as the robber within two days because of fingerprints he left behind and the fact that IMPD and the FBI located bank money near a gas station, a hotel room on the west side of Indianapolis, and near HARRELL's place of employment on the northwest side of Indianapolis. Law enforcement also obtained a state search warrant for HARRELL's residence in Bloomington where they found additional money in a lock box. In total, law enforcement retrieved all but \$828 of the money taken during the robbery. The gun that HARRELL used turned out to be a BB gun purchased the day of the robbery. HARRELL admitted he had committed the robbery.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also imposed 5 years supervised release following HARRELL's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, HARRELL must undergo drug testing and be subject to search and seizure. HARRELL was fined in the amount of \$1,000 and ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$828.