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Second Man Charged in Armed Robbery of Burger King Receives 91-Month Federal Sentence

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Corey Wright**, 20, formerly of Biddeford, ME, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court to a 91-month prison term for one count of robbery of the Burger King restaurant on Main Street in Saco, ME in May 2007 and one count of brandishing a firearm during that robbery. U.S. District Court Judge D. Brock Hornby imposed the sentence following Wright's guilty pleas to both counts.

According to court records, a grand jury returned the Indictment in September 5, 2007, charging Wright and Christopher Suthard, 20, of Biddeford, ME, with the robbery and firearm offense. Suthard was also charged with conspiracy to distribute marijuana. Wright and Suthard, dressed in hooded sweatshirts with bandanas over their faces, entered the restaurant shortly after midnight on May 10, 2007. They stole \$1,306 cash, two employees were forced to the ground and Wright struck one employee multiple times in the back of the head with a pistol. The crime of brandishing the firearm during the robbery carried a statutory mandatory minimum penalty of 7 years imprisonment that must run consecutive to any sentence imposed for the robbery. The total 91-month prison term is to be followed by five years of supervised release. Suthard was sentenced earlier this year to 121 months imprisonment after he pleaded guilty to the three counts with which he was charged. Wright and Suthard were also ordered to pay \$1,306 in restitution to the restaurant.

United States Attorney Paula Silsby praised the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Biddeford and Saco Police Departments for their efforts in the investigation.

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