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Patrick Richelieu Pleads Guilty to Bank Robbery Charges

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced today that Patrick Richelieu, age 42, of Kennebunk, Maine, pleaded guilty to seven bank robbery and bank robbery using a dangerous weapon charges in the United States District Court, in Portland.

According to court records, between November 9, 2006 and December 6, 2006, Mr. Richelieu robbed approximately $105,000 from six branches of Bank of America, Maine Bank and Trust, Citizens Bank, Westbank, and Putnam Savings Bank located in Maine, New Hampshire and Connecticut. Mr. Richelieu also attempted to rob a TD Banknorth branch located in Newington, New Hampshire, but was thwarted by the intervention of a bank customer. In connection with three of the bank robberies, Mr. Richelieu used what appeared to be a silver handgun.

On December 6, 2006, Mr. Richelieu was apprehended by Connecticut State Police as he came out of a Putnam Savings Bank branch located in Griswold, Connecticut, with a bag containing

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$11,081 in cash just stolen from the bank.

Mr. Richelieu faces up to 20 years in prison for each of the bank robbery charges, up to 25 years in prison for each of the bank robbery using a dangerous weapon charges, a fine of up to $250,000 on each charge, and full restitution.

The defendant will be sentenced after completion of a pre-sentence report by the U.S. Probation Office, in Portland.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Connecticut State Police, and the Police Departments of Portland and Scarborough, Maine; Plainfield, Connecticut; and Newington and Stratham, New Hampshire.

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