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FORMER LAKE IN THE HILLS WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ARMED ROBBERY OF TWO BANKS IN McHENRY COUNTY

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and JIM WALES, Chief of the Lake in the Hills Police Department, today made the following announcement:

LYNDSEY R. TUCKER, age 26, formerly of Lake in the Hills, Illinois, pled guilty today in federal court in Rockford to the armed robbery of the LaSalle Bank, 240 North Randall Road, Lake in the Hills, Illinois, on February 7, 2007, and the Bank of America, 2450 West Algonquin Road, Lake in the Hills, Illinois, on February 10, 2007. The deposits of both were insured by the FDIC.

In pleading guilty, Tucker admitted that on February 7, 2007, at approximately 10:15 a.m., she entered the LaSalle Bank wearing a gray stocking hat and sunglasses, and approached a teller window. Tucker displayed a large kitchen knife to the teller and gave the teller a black “doctor’s” bag. According to the plea agreement, Tucker told the teller to give Tucker all of the teller’s money. The teller gave Tucker \$7,637 from the drawer and Tucker then left the bank.

In addition, Tucker admitted in the plea agreement that on the morning of February 10, 2007, she walked into the Bank of America, wearing a blue stocking hat, fleece jacket with a black hooded sweatshirt, and tinted sunglasses. According to the plea agreement, Tucker approached a teller, pointed what appeared to be a real handgun at the teller, and placed a purse on the counter. The teller took \$1,679 from her teller drawer and placed it in the purse. Tucker left the bank, got into a blue Ford Expedition and drove out of the parking lot. Shortly after leaving the bank, Tucker was stopped by police officers and arrested. Tucker acknowledged in the plea agreement that she had used a black plastic toy handgun during the bank robbery. Tucker has been held in custody since her pretrial release was revoked on July 10, 2007.

Sentencing for Tucker will be conducted on October 23, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. Tucker faces a possible maximum penalty on each count of up to 25 years’ imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, a period of supervised release up to 5 years following imprisonment, and restitution as ordered by the court. The actual sentence will be determined by the United States District Court, guided by the United States Sentencing Guidelines. Tucker will not be eligible for parole.

The case was investigated by Rockford Office of the FBI and the Lake in the Hills Police Department. The case is being prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph C. Pedersen.

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