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BANK ROBBER SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Allen F. Loucks announces that today U.S. District Court Judge Richard D. Bennett sentenced Wilton P. Britton, age 49, of Baltimore, Maryland to 15 years in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release in connection with his guilty plea to bank robbery.

According to the agreed statement of facts presented to the court, on January 3, 2005, Britton entered the Provident Bank located at 6632 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, and presented a demand note. Britton's image was captured on a bank surveillance camera. The teller turned over \$2,287.

On January 6, 2005, a Baltimore City police officer stopped Britton at the rear of the Reisterstown Road Plaza. Mall security officials then had the bank teller respond to the location where she positively identified the Britton as the individual who had robbed the bank three days earlier. Britton admitted to robbing the bank and identified the demand note he had written and bank surveillance photo of himself.

At sentencing, the government advised the court that at the time of Britton's arrest, Britton was on federal supervised release for bank robbery involving the very same Provident Bank he had robbed some 4 years earlier. Britton had only been released from prison less than 2 weeks before

robbing the bank again.

This case was investigated by Baltimore City Police detectives assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Bank Robbery Task Force and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Christopher Romano.