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SERIAL BANK ROBBER SENTENCED TO 170 MONTHS

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Allen F. Loucks, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announces that today U.S. District Court Judge William D. Quarles sentenced Timothy Byers, age 34, of Baltimore, Maryland, to 170 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release in connection with Byers' guilty plea on January 21, 2005 to committing a series of bank robberies.

According to an agreed statement of facts, Byers admitted to entering and robbing six different bank branches: the M&T Bank, 7904 Harford Road, Baltimore, Maryland, of \$3,205; Provident Bank of Maryland, 8638 Liberty Road, Baltimore, Maryland, of \$1,523; the Provident Bank of Maryland, 5457 Baltimore National Pike, Baltimore, Maryland, of \$2,249; the Hamilton Bank, 19 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, of \$775; the Provident Bank of Maryland, 4806 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, of \$1,024; the Provident Bank of Maryland, 3635 Old Court Road, Pikesville, Maryland, of \$510. In each instance, Byers admitted that he approached a bank teller at the branch, and presented the teller with a threatening demand note.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bonnie S. Greenberg.