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BANK ROBBER SENTENCED

Baltimore, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Allen F. Loucks announces that today U.S. District Court Judge Catherine C. Blake sentenced Aaron Graham, age 43, of Owings Mills, Maryland to 80 months 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 as part of the plea agreement, on Saturday, March 29, 2003 Graham approached a teller at the Provident Bank located within the Wal-Mart Store at 3200 North Ridge Road, Ellicott City, Maryland and handed her a demand note. The teller gave Graham \$4,309 of the bank's money. On Saturday, July 19, 2003 Graham again approached the teller at the same bank, who happened to be the same teller, and handed her a similar demand note. The teller gave Graham \$7,491.90.

On Monday, July 28, 2003 Graham approached a teller at the Chevy Chase Bank located in the Giant Food Store at 7940 Crain Highway, Glen Burnie, Maryland. Graham handed her a demand note and she turned over \$1,672. One of the bundles of money contained a dye pack that subsequently "expoded" shortly after Graham left the area of the bank. On Saturday, August 23, 2003, Graham again approached the teller at the same bank, who happened to be the same teller and

demanded money. The teller gave Graham a stack of money that included a dye pack which Graham discovered. He threw the dye pack and some cash back on the counter and fled with \$887.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prosecuted by P. Michael Cunningham.