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## **BETHANY BANKER PLEADS GUILTY TO MONEY LAUNDERING**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Bethany, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to money laundering at the bank where he was employed.

**James H. Krueger**, 51, of Bethany, Mo., waived his right to an indictment by a grand jury and pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to a federal information charging him with structuring financial transactions in order to evade federal reporting requirements.

**Krueger** admitted that he assisted in making nine separate deposits, totaling \$67,870, into an account at Farmers Bank of Northern Missouri between March 4, 1998 and June 10, 1998. **Krueger** was employed as a loan officer at the bank during that time. Graves explained that federal law requires any financial transaction greater than \$10,000 to be reported to the Internal Revenue Service. **Krueger** split his deposits into separate transactions, Graves said, in order to evade that federal reporting requirement.

As a result of **Krueger's** guilty plea, he may subject to a sentence of up to five years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. The sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled sometime after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark A. Miller. The case was investigated by the IRS Criminal Investigation.

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