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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - March 23, 2009

San Diego, CA - United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Michael Daniel Lilly Martin was sentenced today in federal court in San Diego by United States District Judge James L. Lorenz to serve 80 months in custody based on his conviction for ten counts of bank robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a). In addition to the custodial sentence, Judge Lorenz ordered that Martin serve a three-year term of supervised release following his release from prison and pay \$37,578 in restitution to the victim banks. According to court records, Martin and co-defendant Melanie Elizabeth DePalmer tendered guilty pleas on November 13, 2008.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Larry Casper, who is prosecuting the case, Martin admitted to robbing four banks in the Northern District of California, one in the Central District of California, and five in the Southern District of California. The banks robbed in the Southern District of California are located in San Diego County as follows: Wells Fargo Bank, 8898 Navajo Road, San Diego, California, on October 2, 2007; Washington Mutual Bank, 348 South Twin Oaks Valley Road, San Marcos, California on October 3,

2007; Union Bank of California, 1512 Main Street, Ramona, California on October 4, 2007; Citibank, 3777 Avocado Boulevard, La Mesa, California on October 5, 2007 and California Bank & Trust Bank, 135 Saxony Road, Encinitas, California on October 29, 2007. More than \$37,000 was taken during the robberies committed by Martin and DePalmer in the San Diego area and elsewhere in California.

United State Attorney Hewitt praised the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in bringing this case to a successful conclusion.

A sentencing hearing for Melanie Elizabeth DePalmer is scheduled before Judge Lorenz on April 20, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

DEFENDANT

Case No 08cr0267-L

Michael Daniel Lilly Martin

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Ten Counts

Title 8, United States Code, Section 2113(a) - Bank Robbery

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Federal Bureau of Investigation