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DEFENDANT SENTENCED IN BANK ROBBERY SPREE

A Detroit resident was sentenced yesterday to 14 years' imprisonment for his involvement in a series of bank robberies, United States Attorney Terrence Berg announced today. Mr. Berg was joined in the announcement by Special Agent in Charge Andrew G. Arena, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Alvin Murray, 51, of Detroit, was sentenced to 14 years imprisonment by United States District Judge John Corbett O'Meara.

Murray was sentenced yesterday on four counts of bank robbery. The charges arose following an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in conjunction with the Dearborn Police Department. The investigation arose after Murray had committed several bank robberies spanning Wayne, Washtenaw, Oakland, and Macomb counties. Murray had committed multiple bank robberies in the Dearborn area. Dearborn Police began a stake out of banks in its city. As he approached a Key Bank in Dearborn on July 22, 2008, Murray was apprehended with a demand note in his pocket that was similar to the note used in all the

previous robberies. Officers noticed Murray matched the image of the robber in the surveillance video from previous bank robberies. Law enforcement officers dubbed him the “Heavy ‘D’” bank robber because of his girth and his penchant for wearing a baseball cap with an old English letter ‘D’ in the robbery videos.

After solving the Dearborn bank robberies, the FBI’s investigation revealed that Murray had committed a total of 14 actual or attempted bank robberies spanning Wayne, Washtenaw, Oakland, and Macomb counties from May 2008 until his apprehension in July of 2008.

Murray has a prior criminal history which includes twelve prior felony convictions for bank robbery. At the time of his arrest, Murray was on both parole and federal supervised release for prior bank robbery convictions. The lengthy nature of the sentence is due to the fact that Murray’s criminal history categorizes him as a career offender.

U.S. Attorney Terrence Berg said, “Today’s sentence shows yet again that bank robbery does not pay. Bank robbers tend to get caught, and tend to go to prison for a long time – because of the danger such violent crimes present to the public.”

Special Agent Arena stated, “The FBI would like to thank our local law enforcement partners in this case. It was with their help the FBI tracked this individual through multiple local/county jurisdictions and tied him to the 14 different bank robberies. For the citizens who work hard every day to provide for their families it is satisfying to see individuals who repeatedly commit illegal acts, stealing hard earned money, sentenced for their actions.”

The case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Dearborn Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Terrence R. Haugabook and Regina McCullough.

