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BANK ROBBERS GET 10-15 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR HALLOWEEN 2007 ROBBERY

PHOENIX – Claney Lee Taylor, 41, and Carl Duane Watson, 40, both of Phoenix, were sentenced here yesterday by U.S. District Judge Mary H. Murguia to 15 years and 10 years, respectively. Both men pleaded guilty earlier this year to Bank Robbery.

On October 31, 2007, Taylor robbed a Bank of America in Phoenix and Watson was his getaway driver. Phoenix Police Officers in the area quickly began pursuing the robbers. Watson led police in a high-speed pursuit that ended when he struck a pole. The robbers then fled on foot. Watson, thinking a highway embankment was only a short wall, jumped approximately 20 feet near the Loop 202 freeway and broke his leg. He was then arrested. Taylor was also apprehended after a brief foot chase.

Both men had multiple felony convictions and had recently been released from federal prison when they committed the bank robbery. Taylor had been released less than four months earlier after serving a 78-month sentence for robbing a credit union. Watson had been released from federal prison only 38 days after serving a 51-month sentence for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Phoenix Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Alison S. Bachus, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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