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**ORLANDO ARMED CARJACKER AND BANK ROBBER
FACING 32 YEARS MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE**

Orlando, Florida - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that a federal jury yesterday found Tracy Jerome Garrett (age 44, of Orlando) guilty of two counts of carjacking and two counts of possessing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence. Garrett already had pleaded guilty to two related bank robberies. He faces a minimum of 32 years in federal prison for his crimes at a sentencing hearing scheduled for September 18, 2009.

According to court documents and evidence presented at trial, on August 10, 2007, Garrett carjacked a female victim at gunpoint, then used her car to rob a Bank of America branch on S. Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando. Exactly one week later, on August 17, 2007, Garrett again carjacked a female victim at gunpoint and again used the car to rob a Bank of America branch, this time on S. Orange Avenue in Orlando.

This case is part of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives's (ATF's) lead Violent Crime Impact Team or VCIT, part of a U.S. Department of Justice program that assigns extra resources to particular cities to reduce violent crime associated with firearms. The Orlando VCIT has partnered with the Orlando Police Department, the Orange County Sheriff's Office, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to focus

investigative efforts on violent offenders in the Orlando area who use firearms in furtherance of their criminal acts.

This case was investigated by the Orange County Sheriff's Office, the Orlando Police Department, and ATF. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dan Eckhart.
