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## POLK COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 42 YEARS

Tampa, Florida - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that Akimmie D. Wesley (29, Polk County) was sentenced today by United States District Judge James S. Moody, Jr. to 42 years in federal prison for robbery, carjacking, bank robbery, carrying a firearm during a crime of violence and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Wesley pled guilty on October 5, 2010.

According to court documents, on the morning of May 3, 2010, Wesley robbed, at gunpoint, the owner of the Hurricane Bay Carwash in Polk County. Wesley then forced the owner of the carwash into her vehicle and ordered her to drive to a branch of MidFlorida Credit Union where Wesley forced her to withdraw \$6,500 from the drive-thru ATM and a drive-thru teller.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Polk County Sherriff's Office. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James A. Muench.

This is another case prosecuted as a part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" program - a nationwide, gun-violence reduction strategy led by ATF. United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill, along with Virginia O'Brien, Special Agent-in-Charge (ATF) is coordinating the Project Safe Neighborhoods effort here in the Middle District of Florida, in cooperation with federal, state, and local law enforcement officials.