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Brooklyn Center woman pleads guilty to bank robbery

A 23-year-old Brooklyn Center woman pleaded guilty last week in connection with the July 18 holdup of the TCF Bank located in the Cub Foods store in Brooklyn Center.

Kristine Bridget Elizabeth Lacy pleaded guilty to one count of bank robbery. Lacy, who was indicted on Aug. 11, entered her plea Oct. 10 in Minneapolis before United States District Court Chief Judge Michael Davis.

According to Lacy's plea agreement, on July 18 she admitted taking, by force, violence and intimidation, approximately \$1,551 from a teller at the bank.

According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, the robber entered the bank at approximately 11:55 a.m., handed a teller a note, which stated "Give me all your money. This is not a joke. Sorry." The teller complied, and asked the robber if she had a bag to place the money into. The female robber grabbed the cash and walked out of the bank.

Surveillance video showed the robber exiting the grocery store and getting into the passenger side of a minivan. Later, law enforcement spotted a vehicle matching the van's description parked in a strip mall parking lot a few miles from the bank.

During a search of nearby businesses for the robber, police arrested a woman matching a description of the robbery suspect. The affidavit states that police recovered the demand note from the pocket of Lacy's jacket, and \$1,561 in her purse.

Lacy faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. Judge Davis will determine her sentence at a future date. This case is the result of an investigation by the FBI and the Brooklyn Center Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly A. Svendsen.