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Hastings man indicted for bank robbery

A 26-year-old Hastings man was indicted yesterday in federal court in connection with the Sept. 25 holdup of a TCF Bank in Cottage Grove.

David Michael Cheney was charged Oct. 20 in Minneapolis with one count of bank robbery. Cheney's indictment alleges that on Sept. 25 he did by force, violence and intimidation, knowingly take approximately \$5,712 from a teller at the bank.

According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, at approximately 11 a.m. on Sept. 25, a man handed a note to a teller that read, "This is a robbery. I have gun. Stay calm. Give me all 100s and 50s." The teller complied and gave cash to the robber, who grabbed the money and walked out of the bank.

On Sept. 30, a concerned citizen called the FBI identifying Cheney as the individual who appeared on bank surveillance photographs released to the media. On Oct. 2, police executed a search warrant at Cheney's residence, and recovered clothing that appeared to match those worn by the robber, along with \$395 and various receipts for purchases made after Sept. 25 totaling \$373.18. Cheney was arrested without incident.

If convicted, Cheney faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. All sentences are determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the FBI and the Cottage Grove Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Clifford B. Wardlaw.

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.