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St. Anthony man pleads guilty to bank robbery

A 28-year-old St. Anthony man pleaded guilty today in federal court to committing the Aug. 7 heist of the TCF Bank in St. Anthony.

Mark Allen Myhre, Jr. pleaded guilty to one count of bank robbery. He entered his plea on Nov. 6 in Minneapolis before United States District Court Judge Joan Ericksen. Myhre was indicted on Sept. 15.

According to Myhre's plea agreement, on Aug. 7, he did by force, violence and intimidation take approximately \$4,435 from a bank teller.

According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, on Aug. 7 the robber entered the bank and stood in line to be helped. When a teller informed the man that he could help the next person in line, the robber then patted down his pockets in his shorts and stated that he had forgotten something. He then turned and walked out of the bank.

The man returned approximately 20 minutes later, and handed a different teller a demand note that stated, "This is a robbery." The teller complied and gave the robber cash. The robber walked out of the bank, and was last seen fleeing on foot.

Photographs of the robber were shown in the local media, and law enforcement received numerous tips by concerned citizens that the robber appeared to be Myhre. During the execution of a search warrant at Myhre's residence on Aug. 14, Myhre was arrested on an outstanding Anoka County warrant for check fraud.

Police recovered \$1,500 in cash, a torn piece of lined notebook paper that appeared to be the matching half of the robbery demand note, and a notebook with lined paper. On the top piece of paper in the notebook, officers could clearly see indented writing which states, "This is a robbery."

Myhre faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. Judge Ericksen will determine his sentence at a future date. This case is the result of an investigation by the FBI and

the St. Anthony Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nathan P. Petterson.