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St. Louis Park man pleads guilty to five bank robberies

A 27-year-old St. Louis Park man pleaded guilty yesterday in federal court to committing several armed bank robberies earlier this year.

Suresh Harlan Small pleaded guilty to five counts of armed bank robbery. Small entered his plea Nov. 19 in St. Paul before United States District Court Judge Donovan Frank. Small was indicted on April 8.

Small's indictment stated that he did by force, violence and intimidation take an undisclosed amount of money from a TCF Bank in St. Anthony on March 28; from the Twin City Federal Savings and Loan in St. Anthony on both Nov. 2, 2007, and Jan. 11, 2008; and from the Twin City Federal Savings and Loan in St. Louis Park on both Feb. 1 and March 13.

According to an FBI affidavit filed in connection with the March 28 robbery, Small led police on a high-speed chase before being shot by police after he allegedly brandished what appeared to be a handgun at police.

Small faces a potential maximum penalty of 25 years in prison on each bank robbery count. Judge Frank will determine his sentence at a future date. This case is the result of an investigation by the FBI, the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office and the police departments of Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, Plymouth, St. Anthony and St. Louis Park. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Newberry.