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Minneapolis man pleads guilty to bank robbery

A 53-year-old Minneapolis man pleaded guilty today in federal court to holding up two Minneapolis financial institutions.

David Willis Seigler pleaded guilty to one count of bank robbery. He entered his plea on Jan. 30 in Minneapolis before United States District Court Chief Judge Michael Davis. Seigler was indicted on Dec. 16, 2008.

According to Seigler's plea agreement, he admitted that he did by force, violence and intimidation take money from victim tellers at a US Bank on Nov. 19, 2008, – (approximately \$378) and a US Federal Credit Union on Nov. 21, 2008 (approximately \$2,260).

According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, the US Bank, located at 2338 Central Ave. NE, was robbed at approximately 9:15 a.m. The robber approached a teller and showed her a note written on a brown, lunch-sized paper bag, which stated words to the effect of "\$20s, \$10s, \$5s, \$1s. No dye, you have 10 seconds." The teller complied and gave cash from her drawer to the robber, who grabbed it and walked calmly out of the bank.

On Nov. 21, at approximately 11 a.m., the US Federal Credit Union, located at 2535 27th Ave. S., was robbed. The robber showed the teller a note that was written on a torn piece of cream-colored paper. The note stated, "\$100s, \$50s, \$20s, no dye, no bait, no alarm." The teller complied and gave cash to the robber, who took it and walked out of the bank.

On Nov. 22, police responded to a call in the 900 block of 29th Avenue NE, which is approximately one-half mile from the US Bank that was robbed on Nov. 19. Seigler and his girlfriend had gotten into a dispute about property. When officers arrived, Seigler refused to come out of the apartment and tried to slam the door closed on the officers.

Seigler then attempted to flee from law enforcement, and once he was apprehended, officers noticed that Seigler appeared to match the description of the Nov. 19 robber. Police received Seigler's written and verbal consent to search his residence, and during that search, officers seized items similar to those worn or used by the robber in the Nov. 19 robbery.

Seigler faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. Chief Judge Davis will determine Seigler's sentence at a future date. This case is the result of an investigation by the FBI and the Minneapolis Police Department and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney William J. Otteson.