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Hinckley man sentenced for robbing Finlayson bank

A 26-year-old Hinckley man was sentenced today in federal court for robbing a Finlayson Township bank last summer.

On Feb. 13 in Minneapolis, United States District Court Judge Ann Montgomery sentenced Jason Lee McLevis to 31 months in prison and three years of supervised release on one count of bank robbery. McLevis was indicted on Aug. 12, 2008, and pleaded guilty on Oct. 14.

According to his plea agreement, McLevis admitted that on July 11 he did, by force, violence and intimidation, take approximately \$2,969 from a teller at the Northview Bank.

According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, the masked robber entered the bank at approximately 11:15 a.m., walked up to an unattended teller station, then went around the counter to the back of the station and removed money from the teller's drawer, placing it in a black bag. While exiting the bank, the robber pointed a knife at the receptionist. The man drove away in a Ford pickup truck.

Law enforcement conducted a traffic stop near Hinckley on a vehicle that matched the description of the one used in the bank robbery. McLevis was arrested and officers recovered approximately \$2,955, a knife, a mask and clothing matching those worn in the robbery.

This case was the result of an investigation by the FBI, the Minnesota State Patrol and the Pine County Sheriff's Office. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Erika R. Mozangue.