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St. Bonifacius man sentenced for robbing Eden Prairie bank

A 22-year-old St. Bonifacius man was sentenced today in federal court for the Dec. 27, 2005, heist of a Wells Fargo Bank in Eden Prairie.

On April 9 in Minneapolis, United States District Court Judge Joan Ericksen sentenced Andrew Vuong to 37 months in prison and three years of supervised release on one count of bank robbery. Vuong was indicted on Jan. 24, 2006, and pleaded guilty on May 30, 2007.

According to Vuong's indictment, he did by force, violence and intimidation take an undisclosed amount of money from the Wells Fargo Bank in Eden Prairie.

According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, Vuong entered the bank at approximately 4:20 p.m. and approached a teller. Vuong told the teller "withdraw!" He then handed the teller a demand note stating, "No alarms. No drama. No cops. @ least \$1,000.... my guns are very real, keep it str8. Business as usual, right? Yours truly, Thanks! and have a nice day."

The teller complied, giving stacks of currency to Vuong, who grabbed the cash and stuffed it into his coat pockets. Vuong walked out of the bank and fled on foot.

The demand note was written on a Wells Fargo withdrawal slip with the account owner's name and account number blacked out. Bank personnel were able to determine the account owner was Vuong's father.

On Jan. 24, 2006, police executed a search warrant at Vuong's residence and found clothing that matched what the robber was reportedly wearing. They also found "practice" bank robbery demand notes that were similar to the demand note used on Dec. 27.

This case was the result of an investigation by the FBI, the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office and the Eden Prairie Police Department and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Newberry.