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St. Anthony man sentenced for bank robbery

A 23-year-old St. Anthony man was sentenced today in federal court for robbing a TCF Bank in St. Anthony on July 1, 2008.

On April 16 in Minneapolis, United States District Court Judge David Doty sentenced Yonatan Demsas Abraham to 30 months in prison and three years of supervised release on one count of bank robbery. Abraham was indicted on July 22, 2008, and pleaded guilty on Sept. 15.

According to Abraham's plea agreement, he admitted taking by force, violence and intimidation approximately \$1,314 from a victim teller at the TCF Bank on July 1.

According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, at approximately 4:45 p.m. the robber entered the bank, located at 3934 Silver Lake Road, and handed a note to a teller which stated "I have a gun. Don't look up. Put \$2,500 in an envelope."

The teller complied, filled an envelope with cash and handed it to the robber, who walked out of the bank. A witness saw the man run out of the grocery store and drive away in a vehicle. The witness wrote down the vehicle's license plate number.

Police discovered the vehicle's owner, and went to his St. Anthony address. There officers found an individual whose description matched that of the suspect, and arrested him.

This case was the result of an investigation by the FBI and the St. Anthony Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney William J. Otteson.