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**WOMAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ROBBING THREE  
PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY BANKS**

TRENTON, N.J. – A Passaic, New Jersey woman was sentenced today to 30 months in federal prison for committing three bank robberies in Passaic County, United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Norma Balderas-Dehernandez, 35, pleaded guilty to three counts of bank robbery on January 15, 2010, before United States District Judge Joel A. Pisano, who also imposed today's sentence in Trenton federal court.

At her guilty plea hearing, Balderas-Dehernandez admitted that during each robbery, she approached a teller and handed the teller a note, written in Spanish, that said she had a gun and ordered the teller to give her money. She admitted using this method to rob an American Bank of New Jersey in Clifton, New Jersey, on January 5, 2009, of \$5,000; a Capital One Bank in Passaic, New Jersey, on May 2, 2009, of \$2,400; and a PNC Bank in Clifton, New Jersey, on August 10, 2009, of \$760.

Balderas-Dehernandez was arrested on August 26, 2009, during an attempt to rob a different PNC Bank branch located in Clifton.

In addition to the prison term, Judge Pisano sentenced Balderas-Dehernandez to three years of supervised release and ordered her to pay restitution to the banks that were robbed.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Michael B. Ward, and police officers with the police departments in Clifton, Garfield, Belleville, and Passaic, New Jersey, as well as with the Passaic County Sheriff's Department, with the investigation leading to the guilty plea.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lakshmi Srinivasan Herman of the U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Newark.

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