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**SMITHVILLE MAN SENTENCED FOR BANK ROBBERY AND FIREARMS CONVICTIONS**

**John E. Murphy, Acting United States Attorney**, announced that this afternoon in Austin, 55-year-old Robert H. Graham of Smithville, Texas, was sentenced by United States District Judge Sam Sparks to 552 months in federal prison as a result of his convictions for committing five bank robberies in Austin and in Phoenix, Arizona, during 2008, as well as using, carrying, and brandishing a firearm during two of those bank robberies. Judge Sparks also ordered Graham to serve 5 years of supervised release after completing his imprisonment and restitution of \$345,310 to the victim banks.

On July 1, 2009, Graham entered guilty pleas to five counts of Bank Robbery and two counts of Using, Carrying, and Brandishing a Firearm During and In Relation to a Crime of Violence. At his guilty plea hearing, Graham admitted that:

- on April 25, 2008, he stole \$50,000 cash from the Wells Fargo Bank located at 9908 Brodie Lane in Austin and fled the scene in a vehicle owned by a bank teller.
- on August 22, 2008, while using a firearm, he stole \$100,000 cash from the Wells Fargo Bank located at 9908 Brodie Lane in Austin.
- on October 10, 2008, while using a firearm, he stole approximately \$12,000 cash from the Chase Bank located at 5700 W. Slaughter Lane in Austin.
- on October 31, 2008, while holding a bank customer at gunpoint, he stole approximately \$80,000 cash from the Wells Fargo Bank located at 1901 W. William Cannon Dr. in Austin.
- on December 5, 2008, he discharged a firearm while stealing approximately \$100,000 cash from the Wells Fargo Bank located at 15760 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd. in Scottsdale, AZ.

According to court documents, on December 10, 2008, United States Deputy Marshals and Austin Police officers arrested Graham in Austin. At the time of his arrest, authorities recovered from the defendant's vehicle and residence a .12 gauge sawed-off shotgun, a 9mm pistol, a .45 caliber pistol, approximately \$32,000 cash, approximately 500 grams of cocaine and a map identifying the location of the Wells Fargo Bank in Scottsdale that he robbed on December 5, 2008. A forensics analysis of two shell casings recovered from the scene of that robbery proved that they were fired from the .45 caliber pistol recovered in the defendant's vehicle.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Austin Police Department, and Scottsdale (AZ) Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Devlin and Special Assistant United States Attorney James Booher in the Western District of Texas together with Assistant United States Attorney Alison Bachus in the District of Arizona.

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