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## **Northern Virginia Serial Bank Robber Pleads Guilty**

(Alexandria, VA) - Peter Yow-Ling-Lin, a 70 year-old Taiwanese national, pled guilty today to armed bank robbery, before United States District Judge Leonie M. Brinkema. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Joseph Persichini, Jr., Assistant Director in Charge, Washington Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Colonel David M. Rohrer, Chief, Fairfax County Police Department; and M. Douglas Scott, Chief, Arlington County Police Department, made the announcement. Sentencing for Yow-Ling-Lin is scheduled for May 18, 2007.

According to court records, on November 17, 2006, Yow-Ling-Lin, armed with a knife, robbed the United Bank on Lee Highway in Arlington. During the robbery, Yow-Ling-Lin took \$4,115 from a bank teller. Dye packs included in the stolen money exploded outside United Bank. Arlington County police officers recovered \$3,375 of the money from the loading dock of a Harris Teeter grocery store in Arlington.

Yow-Ling-Lin also robbed a Bank of America branch in Fairfax County three times from December 2005 through November 2006. On December 14, 2005, Yow-Ling-Lin stole \$15,181 from the Bank of America branch during a robbery in which he used a demand note stating that he had a gun. On October 27, 2006, Yow-Ling-Lin robbed the Bank of America branch a second time, again using a demand note stating that he had a gun. Yow-Ling-Lin obtained only \$132 from the second robbery of Bank of America. On November 15, 2006, Yow-Ling-Lin, armed with a knife, struck the same Bank of America branch a third time. Yow-Ling-Lin handed an employee a note and displayed a knife. The employee, recognizing Yow-Ling-Lin from a previous robbery, yelled and ran into the bank vault. Yow-Ling-Lin obtained no money from the third robbery of the Bank of America branch.

During the investigation of these robberies, Yow-Ling-Lin turned himself into the Atlantic City Police Department in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on November 27, 2006. Yow-

Ling-Lin was interviewed in Atlantic City by the FBI and Yow-Ling-Lin admitted to the four robberies.

This case was investigated by the FBI, and the Fairfax and Arlington County Police Departments, with assistance by the Atlantic City Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Morris Parker prosecuted the case for the United States.

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