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5th MAN SENTENCED FOR ARMED BANK ROBBERY

Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jarrell Murray, 24, of Chicago, was sentenced today to 17 years in prison without parole for conspiring to commit armed bank robberies and armed bank robbery. This term of imprisonment will be followed by five years of supervised release.

Murray, Corey Thomas, Prince Beck, Lamar Liggons, and Michael Simmons agreed to commit armed bank robberies and conducted surveillance of targeted banks. On May 21, 2008, they robbed the US Bank in the Town of Blooming Grove, using a Tec-9 semi-automatic pistol with an extended magazine.

Beck and Thomas were sentenced to 27 years in prison. Simmons was sentenced to 75 months and Liggons to 66 months in prison.

In sentencing the men, the judge pointed out that the crime was committed with no regard whatsoever as to how it would affect the tellers and the customers of the banks.

The charges against these men were the result of an investigation by the Dane County Sheriff's Department, Madison Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Chicago Fugitive Task Force, and the U.S. Marshals Service. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman and Acting U.S. Attorney Stephen P. Sinnott.

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