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RICHARD DARRELL JOHNSON SENTENCED

Little Rock - Bud Cummins, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, announced today that Richard Darrell Johnson was sentenced in United States District Court to 10 months imprisonment, 3 years supervised release, a fine of $2,000 and is to remain on electronic monitoring. Johnson pled guilty December 15, 2004 to a charge of transmitting an extortionate communication threatening injury to obtain money.

In October, 2003, Johnson made several telephone calls to Charles Penick, President of Petit Jean State Bank in Morrilton in an attempt to obtain $12,500 from the bank.

Cummins praised the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Perry County Sheriff's Office and Conway County Sheriff's Office. "FBI cooperated with local authorities in this case to provide an immediate response which resulted in the arrest" Cummins stated.

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