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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - December 16, 2011

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced that Dominique Dontae Lasker and Davon Jacques Darden were sentenced today in federal court in San Diego by United States District Court Judge Dana M. Sabraw. Judge Sabraw sentenced Lasker to 121 months in custody, followed by a three-year term of supervised release, for his convictions of armed bank robbery and brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence. Judge Sabraw sentenced Darden to 84 months in custody, followed by a five-year term of supervised release, for his conviction of armed bank robbery. In addition to the custodial sentence, Judge Sabraw ordered that Lasker and Darden pay \$2,714.50 in restitution to the victim bank. The defendants each pled guilty on July 19, 2011.

According to court records, on October 30, 2010, the defendants entered the California Coast Credit Union located at 8002 La Mesa Blvd., La Mesa, California. Lasker and Darden wore ski masks, vaulted over the teller counter, and demanded money from two of the bank tellers at gunpoint. In response to their demands, the tellers handed them more than \$9,500 from the cash drawers, including several bait bills. The robbers then fled the bank in a black Chevrolet Monte Carlo. The vehicle was located and pursued by law

enforcement officers from both the La Mesa and San Diego Police Departments. On October 30, 2010, after a yard by yard search in the area, Darden was located and arrested. Lasker was arrested later that evening. The FBI obtained confessions from both defendants. At the time of the offense, the defendants were enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and stationed at MCAS Miramar.

United States Attorney Duffy praised the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the La Mesa Police Department, and the San Diego Police Department in bringing this case to a successful conclusion.

DEFENDANTS

Case Number: 10cr4732DMS

Dominique Dontae Lasker
Davon Jacques Darden

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Count One: Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2113(a) and 2113(d) (Armed Bank Robbery)
Count Two: Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1) (Use and Carrying of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime of Violence)

INVESTIGATING AGENCIES

Federal Bureau of Investigation
La Mesa Police Department
San Diego Police Department