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## AMES, IOWA MAN SENTENCED TO 104 MONTHS FOR ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY

DES MOINES, IA - Benjamin Sanchez Styles, age 28, was sentenced to a total of 104 months imprisonment today for attempted bank robbery and using a firearm in relation to a crime of violence, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt.

Styles and his co-defendant, Eugene Lee Barney, attempted to rob the Exchange State Bank in Ames, Iowa on June 30, 2010. Barney drove the get away car and Styles approached a bank employee outside the bank, displaying a firearm. When the bank employee explained that she could not open the vault on her own, Styles stole her wedding and engagement rings and fled the bank.

United States District Judge Ronald E. Longstaff also sentenced Styles to a 3-year term of supervised release to follow his prison sentence, and ordered Styles to pay restitution to the victim and the insurance company along with a \$200 special assessment payable to the Crime Victims Fund. Co-defendant Eugene Barney previously pleaded guilty to attempted bank robbery and was sentenced to 43 months' imprisonment, 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

This investigation was conducted by the Ames Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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