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AREA MAN INDICTED IN ALLEGED ESCAPE AND ARMED BANK ROBBERY IN 2009

CHICAGO — A Chicago area man who allegedly escaped from custody in Rolling Meadows and a day later committed an armed bank robbery in Bloomingdale before being recaptured was indicted on federal charges in connection with the alleged series of events in September 2009. The defendant, **Robert Maday**, was charged with escape, armed bank robbery, being a felon-in-possession of firearms, and two counts of using firearms during violent crimes in a five-count indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury late yesterday, Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; and Robert D. Grant, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced today.

Maday, 41, formerly of Elk Grove Village, has remained in federal custody since he was recaptured on Sept. 18, 2009. He will be arraigned on a date still to be determined in U.S. District Court. Maday faces a mandatory minimum of 45 years and a maximum sentence up to life in prison if convicted of the three gun counts alone.

On Sept. 17, 2009, Maday was under a federal detention order when he allegedly escaped from the custody of two Cook County State's Attorney's Office investigators who were transporting him to the Cook County Courthouse in Rolling Meadows. One gun count alleges that Maday used two

firearms during the escape — a Heckler and Koch USP .40-caliber semi-automatic pistol and a Smith and Wesson .38-caliber SPL revolver.

On Sept. 18, 2009, Maday allegedly took approximately \$32,975 in the armed robbery of the First American Bank branch, located at 80 Stratford Dr., in Bloomingdale. A second gun count alleges that Maday used the same two firearms during the bank robbery. A third gun count alleges that Maday illegally possessed both weapons after having previously been convicted of a felony. The indictment seeks forfeiture of both weapons and 18 rounds of ammunition that were seized when Maday was arrested. He was apprehended after leading police on a high-speed chase and crashing a stolen car on Illinois Highway 59 in West Chicago.

The armed bank robbery count carries a maximum sentence of 25 years and the escape count carries a maximum of 5 years in prison. The felon-in-possession of a firearm count alleges that Maday would be eligible to be sentenced as an armed career criminal, which carries a mandatory minimum 15-year prison term. A first conviction for using a firearm during a violent crime carries a mandatory consecutive term of 5 years in prison and conviction on a second count carries a mandatory consecutive sentence of 25 years in prison, with a maximum of any number of years up to life. If convicted, the Court must impose a reasonable sentence under federal sentencing statutes and the advisory United States Sentencing Guidelines.

The Government is being represented in court by Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrianna Kastanek.

The public is reminded that an indictment contains only charges and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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