

January 8, 2004

**ROCKFORD FEDERAL JURY FINDS FREEPORT MAN GUILTY
OF THE ARMED ROBBERY OF THE UNION SAVINGS BANK IN FREEPORT**

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, together with THOMAS J. KNEIR, Special Agent-in-Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Chicago Field Office, JERRY WHITMORE, Chief of the Freeport Police Department, today made the following announcement:

ANTHONY GREEN, 38 (DOB: 4/14/65), of Freeport, was found guilty today in federal court of the armed robbery of the Union Savings Bank, 715 West South Street, Freeport, on May 8, 2003. The jury also found GREEN guilty of possessing a firearm in furtherance of the robbery and being a felon in possession of a firearm. The jury's verdict followed a four-day trial. GREEN and his codefendant, Nelson Kennedy, were both arrested for bank robbery in Freeport on May 8, 2003, by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Freeport Police Department, and had been indicted for that crime on June 3, 2003.

Green was charged in the indictment counts with armed bank robbery, possession of a firearm in furtherance of the bank robbery, and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Green has been held without bond since his arrest. Kennedy previously pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting the robbery. He is scheduled to be sentenced on January 21, 2004.

United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard set sentencing of GREEN for March 12, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. Armed bank robbery carries a maximum penalty of twenty-five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. Possession of a firearm in furtherance of the bank robbery carries a mandatory consecutive penalty of five years. Possession of a firearm by a felon carries a maximum sentence of ten years and a \$250,000 fine. The actual sentence will be determined by the United States District Court, guided by the federal Sentencing Guidelines and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. GREEN will not be eligible for parole.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Freeport Police Department. Prosecutors were also assisted by the Illinois State Police Forensic Laboratory and the Rockford Police Department Identification Unit.

The case is being prosecuted in United States District Court in Rockford by Assistant United States Attorneys John G. McKenzie and Michael D. Love.

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