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AURORA MAN SENTENCED TO 105 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR COMMITTING 6 BANK ROBBERIES IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; THOMAS J. KNEIR, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and STEVEN PUGH, Chief of the Rockford Police Department, today made the following announcement:

OLLIE HOWELL, 29 (DOB: 12/22/74), formerly of Aurora, Illinois, was sentenced today in federal court for a string of six bank robberies in Northern Illinois last fall, including the robbery of the Amcore Bank, N.A., at 1480 South Alpine Road, Rockford, Illinois, on November 17, 2003. Howell had pleaded guilty to robbing the six banks on September 14, 2004.

Today in federal court in Chicago, District Judge Blanche M. Manning sentenced Howell to 105 months in federal prison to be followed by 3 years on supervised release. Howell will not be eligible for parole. Howell was also sentenced to pay a \$600 special assessment and to pay full restitution totaling \$27,670 to the victim banks. In addition to the robbery of the Amcore Bank, Howell had pleaded guilty to and was sentenced for committing the following bank robberies:

October 3, 2003	National City Bank, 3879 East Main Street, St. Charles
October 7, 2003	Harris Bank, 185 South Randall Road, Batavia
October 22, 2003	Great Bank of Algonquin, 234 South Randall Road, Algonquin
October 30, 2003	Old Second National Bank, 1230 North Orchard Road, Aurora
November 12, 2003	Old Second National Bank, 555 Redwood Drive, Aurora

The case was investigated by Rockford Office of the FBI and the Rockford Police Department, with assistance from the Wisconsin State Patrol. The case is being prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney John G. McKenzie.

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