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SECOND ROCKFORD MAN ARRESTED FOR ARMED BANK ROBBERY OF ASSOCIATED BANK IN ROCKFORD

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

Today, a second Rockford man, **BRIAN D. AUSTIN**, 24 (DOB: 7/25/82), was charged by federal criminal complaint for his role in the September 5th armed bank robbery of the Associated Bank branch located at 3402 North Main Street, Rockford. According to the complaint, two men armed with handguns and wearing masks and gloves, arrived at the bank in a stolen car on the morning of September 5, 2006. The complaint states that one of the robbers jumped over the teller counter and took the money in the teller drawers. Both robbers then fled on foot to an alleyway where they had a second stolen car waiting. The complaint further states that at the time of Austin's arrest on September 6, 2006, authorities recovered clothing similar to that worn by the robbers. **CORVET T. WILLIAMS**, 23 (DOB: 7/22/83), also of Rockford, was charged on September 6, 2006, with the armed bank robbery.

Today, Austin appeared before United States Magistrate Judge P. Michael Mahoney, who ordered Williams to be held in custody until a detention hearing is conducted on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, at 11:00 a.m.

The charge of armed bank robbery contained in the complaint carries a maximum possible penalty of 25 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, five years of supervised release, and full restitution. If convicted, the actual sentence would be determined by the United States District Court, guided by the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

The case was investigated by Rockford Office of the FBI and the Rockford Police Department. The case is being prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Michael F. Iasparro.

Members of the public are reminded that a criminal complaint is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. Each defendant is entitled to indictment by a federal grand jury and, if indicted, to a fair trial at which time the government has the burden of proving guilt of each defendant beyond a reasonable doubt.

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