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TWO MEN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR BANK FRAUD

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 TIM VIRTEL, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Division of the United States Secret Service, today made the following announcement:

United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard today sentenced **GEORGE BROCHES**, 43, (DOB: 2/05/1963), of 459 Red Wing Lane, DeKalb, Illinois, to 97 months in federal prison without parole for bank fraud. As part of Broches' sentence, Judge Reinhard ordered Broches to pay a total of \$271,997.62 in restitution. On April 26, 2005, a federal grand jury in Rockford indicted George Broches and two others, who have also pled guilty and were sentenced today. **DIMITRIOS BROTSIS**, 47, (DOB: 10/23/1958), of 522 West North Creston Street, Unit A, Creston, Illinois, who pled guilty on May 26, 2006 to bank fraud, was sentenced to 12 months of imprisonment and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$97,309.78. **BETTY BROCHES**, 38, (DOB: 1-12-1967), of 1813 Meadowbrook Court, Sycamore, Illinois, who pled guilty on May 25, 2006 to making a false statement in a loan application, was sentenced to 4 years probation, 4 months of electronic home confinement, and was ordered to pay \$45,000 in restitution.

George Broches pled guilty on June 2, 2006 to bank fraud as charged in the indictment. In pleading guilty, George Broches admitted from January 4, 2000 and January 18, 2000, he and Dimitrios Brotsis owned and operated two businesses, Spring Garden Restaurant and Arcade Dreams Bar and Grill in DeKalb, Illinois. During that time period, George Broches and Dimitrios Brotsis deposited non-sufficient fund checks into the Spring Garden and Arcade Dreams business accounts at Associated Bank in DeKalb, Illinois and withdrew funds from those accounts before the bank discovered the checks were worthless. As a result, George Broches and Dimitrios Brotsis fraudulently obtained more than \$97,000 from Associated Bank. As part of the plea agreement, George Broches also admitted to making a false statement to Associated Bank in a commercial loan application in November 1999 and to making a false statement in a mortgage loan application to First Union Bank in February 2000. In addition, George Broches admitted to committing credit card fraud between September 2002 and through February 2004, in that he and others produced counterfeit and unauthorized credit cards and credit card gift cards which he and others used to make unauthorized charges.

The case was investigated by Rockford office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Chicago Division of the United States Secret Service with the assistance of the DeKalb Police Department and the Ogle County Sheriff's Department. The case was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph C. Pedersen.

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