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### **ROCKFORD MAN AND WINNEBAGO MAN INDICTED FOR ROBBERY OF STATE BANK OF PAW PAW**

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; TIM BIVINS, Lee County Sheriff; and ROGER A. SCOTT, DeKalb County Sheriff, today made the following announcement:

A federal grand jury in Rockford today indicted **JACOB A. FRUIT**, 25 (DOB: 01-06-1982), 604 North - 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Rockford, Illinois, and **PHILLIP G. WRIGHT**, 20 (DOB: 07-01-86), 406 East Cunningham Road, Winnebago, Illinois, on a federal bank robbery charge for robbing the State Bank of Paw Paw, 235 Chicago Road, Paw Paw, Illinois, on January 5, 2007.

Fruit and Wright were arrested by deputies from the Lee County Sheriff's Department and the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department shortly after the robbery on January 5th. Both have been held in federal custody since that date.

Both defendants will be arraigned on the indictment later this week. Wright's arraignment is scheduled for January 31, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. Fruit will be arraigned on February 1, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. The arraignments for both defendants will be conducted by United States Magistrate Judge P. Michael Mahoney at the federal courthouse in Rockford.

The charge of bank robbery contained in the indictment carries a maximum possible penalty of 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, up to 3 years of supervised release following imprisonment, and full restitution. If the defendants are convicted, their actual sentence will be determined by the United States District Court, guided by the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

The case is being investigated by the Rockford office of the FBI. The Lee County Sheriff's Department and the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department are assisting with the investigation. The case will be prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney SCOTT A. VERSEMAN.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. Each defendant is entitled to a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving the guilt of each defendant beyond a reasonable doubt.

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