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### **ROCKFORD MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ROBBERY OF US BANK IN WINNEBAGO**

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; JONATHON E. MONKEN, Director of the Illinois State Police; RICHARD A. MEYERS, Winnebago County Sheriff; TODD STOCKBURGER, Chief of the Winnebago Police Department; and LISA WOMACK, Chief of the Elgin Police Department, today made the following announcement:

**MARK WASSERMAN**, 42, of Rockford, Illinois, pleaded guilty in federal court yesterday to robbing the US Bank, located at 606 North Elida Street, Winnebago, Illinois, on January 7, 2009.

In pleading guilty, Wasserman admitted that on January 7, 2009, at about 4:30 p.m., he entered US Bank and approached a teller. Wasserman motioned for another bank employee to come over and handed the bank employee a bag. The bank employee and the teller put money in the bag, then the bank employee went to another teller station where a second teller emptied the cash from the drawer into the bag. According to the plea agreement, Wasserman said he knew the bank had received a shipment that day and demanded the money in the vault. Bank employees entered the vault and emptied the cash from the vault into the bag. Wasserman, who used a black BB gun during the robbery, then left the bank with \$64,826.00, got into an SUV and drove away. Wasserman was arrested on January 8, 2009 in Elgin, Illinois, and has been held in custody since that time.

Sentencing for Wasserman will be conducted on August 6, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. Wasserman faces a possible maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000, up to 3 years of supervised release following imprisonment, and full restitution. The actual sentence will be determined by the United States District Court, guided by the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

The case was investigated by the Rockford Office of the FBI, the Illinois State Police, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, and the Winnebago Police Department, with the assistance of the Elgin Police Department. The case is being prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Monica V. Mallory.

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