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## **Fridley man sentenced for robbing a TCF bank**

MINNEAPOLIS – Earlier today in federal court, a 48-year-old Fridley man was sentenced for robbing a Fridley TCF bank. United States District Court Chief Judge Michael J. Davis sentenced Joe Nathan Michael to 120 months in prison on one count of bank robbery. Michael was indicted on June 23, 2010, and pleaded guilty on March 30, 2011. In the plea agreement, Michael admitted that he stole \$1,991 from the bank, located at 250 57th Avenue Northeast, in Fridley, on May 27, 2010.

According to a law enforcement affidavit filed in the case, the robber, later identified as Michael, entered the bank and gave a teller a demand note that read, "Give money, I gun." As the teller attempted to unlock the cash drawer, Michael warned her not to push any alarms. He also put his left hand in his jacket pocket, as if to indicate he had a gun. He then said, "Do you want me to shoot you?" The teller eventually got the drawer open and gave Michael the cash, which he stuffed in his jacket before leaving the bank.

Responding to the robbery, Fridley police saw Michael standing near a bus stop at the intersection of 57th Avenue Northeast and University avenues. His clothing matched that worn by the robber, so they converged on him. In the process of apprehending him, money fell from his jacket pockets.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Fridley Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Chad Blumenfield and Erika Mozangue.

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