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## **Woman pleads guilty to robbing Guaranty Bank in Roseville**

MINNEAPOLIS – Earlier today in federal court, a 50-year-old woman pleaded guilty to the September 14, 2010, robbery of Guaranty Bank in Roseville. Michelle Lynn Matthew, no known address, pleaded guilty to one count of bank robbery. Matthew, who was indicted on May 17, 2011, entered her plea before United States District Court Judge John R. Tunheim.

In her plea agreement, Matthew admitted stealing approximately \$3,313 from the bank, which is located in a Rainbow Foods grocery store on Larpenteur Avenue West. During the robbery, Matthew handed a teller a note that read, "Give me all the money out of your drawer, please don't say anything, if you do he will kill me. Please hurry." Matthew also reiterated the threat verbally while pointing to an innocent man, who was standing in the produce section of the grocery store. She claimed he was the person who would harm her if she did not get the money.

For her crime, Matthew faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. Judge Tunheim will determine her sentence at a future hearing yet to be scheduled.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Roseville Police Department, and the St. Paul Police Department. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lola Velazquez-Aguilu.

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