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Missouri man sentenced for robbing 4 banks

MINNEAPOLIS – Earlier today in federal court, a 40-year-old Missouri man was sentenced for robbing four Minnesota banks between September 18, 2007, and April 16, 2008. United States District Court Judge Ann D. Montgomery sentenced Joseph Paul Young, of Rogersville, Missouri, to 220 months in prison on four counts of bank robbery, with 120 months of that sentence to be served consecutively to previous bank robbery sentences handed out in West Virginia (240 months) and South Dakota (216 months). Young was indicted on July 14, 2009, and was convicted on June 23, 2011.

The evidence presented at trial proved that on September 18, 2007, Young stole approximately \$7,410 from the Washington County Bank at 2520 White Bear Avenue in Maplewood. Next, on September 25, 2007, he stole approximately \$1,196 from the TCF Bank at 5205 Central Avenue Northeast in Fridley. Then, on January 26, 2008, he stole approximately \$1,400 from the U.S. Bank at 9633 Lyndale Avenue South in Bloomington. And, finally, on April 16, 2008, he stole approximately \$4,350 from the Minnwest Bank, which is located at 116 East Main Street. in Luverne, Minnesota. Young was commonly referred to as the “plaid” or “flannel” shirt robber during the course of these robberies.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Rock County Sheriff's Office, and the police departments of Bloomington, Fridley, and Maplewood. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Allen A. Slaughter and Andrew S. Dunne.

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