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## **Falcon Heights felon pleads guilty to using a firearm to rob a Dunn Bros coffee shop**

MINNEAPOLIS – Yesterday in federal court in St. Paul, a 39-year-old Falcon Heights man pleaded guilty to possessing and using a firearm to commit the armed robbery of a Dunn Bros coffee shop in the Uptown neighborhood of Minneapolis on October 27, 2010. Carlos Maurice Harris pleaded guilty to one count of possession of a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence. Harris, who was indicted along with Ronald Harold Moore on December 7, 2010, entered his plea before United States District Court Judge Richard H. Kyle.

In his plea agreement, Harris admitted that on October 27, he and Moore entered the coffee shop with the intent to rob it. Harris also admitted using his vehicle to drive to the shop and bounding two employees with rope.

On June 24, 2011, Moore, age 48, of Inver Grove Heights, pleaded guilty to one count of possession of a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence. In his plea agreement, Moore admitted pulling a nine-millimeter pistol during the robbery and demanding money from store employees. In addition, Moore admitted striking one of the employees in the head with his gun and kicking others.

According to a law enforcement affidavit filed in the case, Harris and Moore ran from the shop in opposite directions following the robbery. Law enforcement, responding to the robbery call, spotted Moore, who initially ignored orders to stop. He ultimately surrendered himself, however, and was arrested. Police found a nine-millimeter pistol and a bag of cash along the path he took to flee. Officers also pursued and captured Harris and found a sweatshirt and a pair of gloves near a dumpster along his escape route. The clothing matched what had been worn by one of the robbers. Both men remain in custody.

Harris and Moore have long criminal histories. Their prior felony convictions include first-

degree assault and aggravated robbery in Washington County in 1994. Harris also was convicted of aggravated robbery in Anoka and Dakota counties in 1990 and third-degree burglary in Dakota County in 2010. Moore also was convicted in Ramsey County of second-degree assault in 1983, third-degree criminal sexual conduct in 1986, and drugs-prohibited acts in 1989.

For their crimes, both men pleaded to agreed sentences. Moore pleaded to a 30-year sentence, while Harris pleaded to an agreed range between 22 and 30 years. Judge Kyle will determine that sentence at a future hearing, yet to be scheduled.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Minneapolis Police Department and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Julie E. Allyn and Steven L. Schleicher.

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