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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : SUPERSEDING CRIMINAL  
 : COMPLAINT  
 v. :  
 : Honorable Patty Shwartz  
 JOSEPH P. PENNELLO :  
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 : Mag No. 11-3037

I, the undersigned complainant, being duly sworn, state that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SEE ATTACHMENT A

I further state that I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHMENT B

continued on the attached page and made a part hereof.

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Joseph McShane, Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,  
March 15, 2011, at Newark, New Jersey

HONORABLE PATTY SHWARTZ  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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Signature of Judicial Officer

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **COUNT ONE**

On or about January 29, 2011, in Warren County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO did:

knowingly, by force and violence, and intimidation, take from the person or presence of others, namely, a bank teller of PNC Bank, located at 48 W. Washington Avenue, Washington, New Jersey, approximately \$2,279 in money belonging to, and in the care, custody, control, management, and possession of PNC Bank, the deposits of which were then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2113(a) and 2.

### **COUNT TWO**

On or about February 6, 2011, in Union County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO did:

knowingly, by force and violence, and intimidation, take from the person or presence of others, namely, a bank teller of TD Bank, located on Park Avenue in Scotch Plains, New Jersey, approximately \$2,810 in money belonging to, and in the care, custody, control, management, and possession of TD Bank, the deposits of which were then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2113(a) and 2.

### **COUNT THREE**

On or about February 11, 2011, in Bergen County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO did:

knowingly, by force and violence, and intimidation, take from the person or presence of others, namely, a bank teller of PNC Bank, located on Route 17 South in Hackensack, New Jersey, approximately \$3,335 in money belonging to, and in the care, custody, control, management, and possession of PNC Bank, the deposits of which were then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2113(a) and 2.

#### **COUNT FOUR**

On or about February 18, 2011, in Warren County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO did:

knowingly, by force and violence, and intimidation, take from the person or presence of others, namely, a bank teller of Chase Bank, located on Mountain Avenue in Hackettstown, New Jersey, approximately \$8,531 in money belonging to, and in the care, custody, control, management, and possession of Chase Bank, the deposits of which were then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2113(a) and 2.

#### **COUNT FIVE**

On or about March 10, 2011, in Bergen County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO did:

knowingly, by force and violence, and intimidation, take from the person or presence of others, namely, a bank teller of Wells Fargo Bank, located at 5 Sylvan Street, Rutherford, New Jersey, approximately \$1,099 in money belonging to, and in the care, custody, control, management, and possession of Wells Fargo Bank, the deposits of which were then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2113(a) and 2.

## ATTACHMENT B

I, Joseph McShane, am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have knowledge of the following facts based upon my investigation and discussions with other law enforcement personnel. Unless otherwise indicated, any statements herein attributed to individuals are set forth in substance and in part.

1. On or about January 29, 2011, an individual, subsequently identified as defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO, entered the PNC Bank located at 48 W. Washington Avenue, Washington, New Jersey. After entering the PNC Bank on that date, defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO approached a bank teller and demanded money. In the process of demanding money, defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO gestured towards his person to what appeared to be a concealed firearm. After securing approximately \$2,279 from the teller defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO exited the PNC Bank.

2. On or about February 6, 2011, an individual, subsequently identified as defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO, entered the TD Bank located on Park Avenue in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. After entering the TD Bank on that date, defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO approached a bank teller and passed the bank teller a note which ordered the teller to remain silent and pass the defendant all the money in the teller's drawer. After securing approximately \$2,810 from the teller defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO exited the TD Bank.

3. On or about February 11, 2011, an individual, subsequently identified as defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO, entered the PNC Bank, located on Route 17 South in Hackensack, New Jersey. After entering the PNC Bank on that date, defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO approached a bank teller and passed the bank teller a note which stated in sum and substance, "This is a robbery. No alarms. No dye-packs. No tracers. No one gets hurts [sic]." After securing approximately \$3,335 from the teller defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO exited the PNC Bank.

4. On or about February 18, 2011, an individual, subsequently identified as defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO, entered the Chase Bank, located on Mountain Avenue in Hackettstown, New Jersey. After entering the Chase Bank on that date, defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO approached a bank teller and gave the teller a verbal order to give him money. After securing approximately \$8,531 from the teller defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO exited the Chase Bank.

5. On or about March 10, 2011, an individual, subsequently identified as defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO, entered the Wells Fargo Bank located at 5 Sylvan Street, Rutherford, New Jersey. After entering the Wells Fargo Bank on that date, defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO approached a bank teller and verbally informed the teller that he was robbing the bank. Defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO then ordered the bank teller to remain calm and to give him all the money the teller had. After securing approximately \$1,099 from the teller defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO exited the Wells Fargo Bank.

6. On or about March 12, 2011, defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO turned himself in to law enforcement officials. He agreed to waive his Miranda rights and provide a

statement to law enforcement officials. In his statement, which was videotaped, defendant JOSEPH P. PENNELLO confessed to the five bank robberies discussed in the above paragraphs. In the course of his confession, the defendant reviewed surveillance footage of the bank robberies and confirmed his presence at all five robbery scenes on the date the respective robberies occurred. The defendant also provided law enforcement with consent to search his home and two of his vehicles. A subsequent search of the defendant's vehicles uncovered a toy firearm, sunglasses and a cap that the defendant used in some of the robberies discussed in the above paragraphs.