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## North Bergen Man Sentenced to 200 Months for String of Armed Bank Robberies

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NEWARK – A North Bergen man was sentenced today to 200 months in federal prison for a string of armed bank robberies in New Jersey and New York, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

U.S. District Judge Susan D. Wigenton also ordered Eduardo Quevedo, 44, to pay restitution of more than \$66,000 – the amount stolen in the 10 bank robberies he committed.

Under the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, Quevedo faced a probable sentencing range of between 168 and 210 months in prison. The government argued for a sentence at the top of that range, and Judge Wigenton agreed that such a sentence was appropriate.

Quevedo pleaded guilty before Judge Wigenton on March 8 to a one-count Indictment charging armed bank robbery. At his plea hearing, Quevedo admitted that between June 2005 and January 2006, he committed 10 bank robberies – five in northern New Jersey and five in New York.

Quevedo also admitted that he carried and displayed a handgun during nine of the bank robbers and that he stole thousands of dollars from the banks, as follows:

• June 27, 2005	Banco Popular, 8501 Kennedy Boulevard, North Bergen, NJ	\$6,344
• September 14, 2005	North Fork Bank, 2159 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY	\$5,038
• October 21, 2005	Bank of New York, 8101 Tonnelle Avenue, North Bergen, NJ	\$1,850
• October 24, 2005	Bank of New York, 1044 Mclean Avenue, Yonkers, NY	\$11,771
• November 18, 2005	North Fork Bank, 375 Broad Avenue, Ridgefield, NJ	\$5,120
• December 7, 2005	Chase Manhattan Bank, 800 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY	\$7,050
• December 12, 2005	Bank of New York, 725 River Road, Edgewater, NJ	\$6,000
• December 16, 2005	JP Morgan Chase Bank, 984 Broadway, Yonkers, NY	\$6,920
• December 23, 2005	Apple Bank, 1075 Central Avenue, Greenburgh, NY	\$3,400
• January 18, 2006	Bank of America, 2115 69th Street, North Bergen, NJ	\$13,300

On Jan. 18, 2006, within hours of the tenth bank robbery, an investigation by Special Agents assigned to the FBI's Newark Division revealed that Quevedo was the offender. That same day, an arrest warrant for Quevedo was issued by a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Newark. The next morning, during a pre-dawn raid, Newark FBI agents, assisted by officers of the North Bergen Police Department, arrested Quevedo at his residence in North Bergen. During the arrest, the FBI recovered from Quevedo's bedroom an AK-47 assault rifle, two high-capacity magazines, a 9-millimeter handgun, and numerous rounds of ammunition, in addition to other evidence linking Quevedo to the bank robberies.

Further investigation by FBI agents assigned to offices in New Jersey and New York revealed that Quevedo had committed the other nine bank robberies.

Christie credited Special Agents of the FBI's Newark Division, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Weysan Dun, as well as FBI agents and local police officers in New York who investigated Quevedo's crimes. Christie also acknowledged that this result could not have been achieved without the assistance and cooperation of Michael J. Garcia, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and his assistants.

The government was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney L. Judson Welle of the Criminal Division in Newark.

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Defense Attorney: Chester Keller, Esq., First Assistant Federal Public Defender, Newark.