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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 21 YEARS FOR ARMED BANK ROBBERY
IN ARDSLEY, NEW YORK**

LEV L. DASSIN, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that DARRYL HARRIS, a/k/a "Darrell Harris," of the Bronx, New York, was sentenced today by United States District Judge KENNETH M. KARAS to 262 months in prison for the armed bank robbery of a JP Morgan Chase Bank in Ardsley, New York. HARRIS was found guilty by a federal jury in White Plains on September 25, 2008, following a four-day trial, on both counts of a two-count Indictment - one count of conspiring to commit armed bank robbery and one count of armed bank robbery.

As established by the evidence at trial:

On October 11, 2007, DARRYL HARRIS drove with Christina Dawn Davis and Gregory Harris to the JP Morgan Chase Bank located at 875 Saw Mill River Road in Ardsley, New York. Wearing masks, DARRYL HARRIS and Gregory Harris entered the bank. Inside the bank Gregory Harris grabbed a bank employee and forced her to the floor. While Gregory Harris held bank employees and customers at gunpoint, DARRYL HARRIS jumped vaulted the teller counter, forced another bank employee to open the teller drawers, and took more than \$21,000. Gregory and DARRYL HARRIS left the bank and fled with Davis, who was waiting for them in a car outside the bank. DARRYL HARRIS committed this crime while on supervised release from a previous conviction for bank robbery in Louisiana.

In addition to the prison sentence of 262 months, Judge KARAS also ordered HARRIS to serve 5 years of supervised release on this case. Judge KARAS also imposed a sentence of 18 months in prison, concurrent to the sentence in this case, for the violation of supervised release in the Louisiana case.

To date, the investigation of the Ardsley bank robbery has resulted in the prosecution and conviction of three other individuals: Gregory Harris, Christina Davis, and Haleem Harris, each of whom pleaded guilty to related federal charges. On July 21, 2008, Judge KARAS sentenced Gregory Harris to 70 months in prison for his participation in the robbery. Davis is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge KARAS on May 15, 2009. Haleem Harris will be sentenced by United States District Judge STEPHEN C. ROBINSON.

Mr. DASSIN praised the efforts and assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Ardsley Police Department, and the Westchester County Department of Public Safety.

Assistant United States Attorneys ANNA M. SKOTKO and JOHN P. COLLINS, JR. are in charge of the prosecution.

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