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**ARMED ROBBER OF LARCHMONT BANK SENTENCED
TO 10 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that ELTON KULLI was sentenced yesterday to 121 months in prison on charges stemming from his gunpoint robbery, of the Chase Bank on Boston Post Road in Larchmont, New York on July 30, 2007. United States District Judge CHARLES L. BRIEANT imposed the sentence in White Plains federal court.

According to a Complaint filed in the case, KULLI arrived at the bank early in the morning and laid in wait for bank staff to arrive to open the bank. He then held several bank employees at gunpoint, had them open the bank's vault, and directed them to fill a bag with money. KULLI threatened one employee by pointing the gun at his head. Shortly after the robbery, KULLI was apprehended in a parked car near the bank by Larchmont police on patrol in the area. KULLI is 24 years old and is an Albanian national.

KULLI pled guilty on October 10, 2007 to a two-count Indictment charging him with one count of armed bank robbery, for which he was sentenced to 37 months' imprisonment; and one count of brandishing a firearm during the bank robbery, for which he was sentenced to a consecutive term of 84 months' imprisonment.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Larchmont Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorneys BRENT S. WIBLE and NICHOLAS McQUAID are in charge of the prosecution.