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NEWS RELEASE

Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of an Indictment¹ against JARROD SMITH and SHONDA SMITH charging them with one count of conspiracy to commit bank robbery, three counts of bank robbery, and one count of attempted bank robbery.

The indictment alleges that between April 25, 2008 and May 9, 2008, the defendants, a husband and wife team, went on a multi-state crime spree committing bank robberies. The defendants robbed a Wachovia Bank in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, then attempted to rob a bank in Talullah, Louisiana. After failing to get any money from the Louisiana bank robbery, they drove and robbed a bank in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Finally, they robbed a Wachovia Bank in Allentown, Pennsylvania. The defendants received a total amount of \$10,936 from all of the bank robberies.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
JARROD SMITH	Palmerton, PA	37 years old
SHONDA SMITH	Palmerton, PA	34 years old

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 85 years imprisonment, a \$1,250,000 fine, 3 years supervised release, and a \$500 special victims/witness assessment.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Allentown Resident Agency), with assistance from the Lehigh County District Attorney's Office, the Allentown Police Department, and the Bethlehem Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Seth Weber.

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