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MAN SENTENCED FOR ARMED ROBBERY OF MONONA BANK

Madison, Wis. - John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Tiran Jenkins, 32, Milwaukee, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge William M. Conley to 22 years in federal prison, without the possibility of parole, for armed bank robbery, brandishing a firearm during the commission of that robbery, and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Jenkins pleaded guilty to these charges on July 8, 2010. His sentence will be followed by a five-year term of supervised release.

Jenkins and co-defendant Robin Brant robbed Bank Mutual, 5320 Monona Drive, Monona, Wis., on April 24, 2010. Both Jenkins and Brant wore disguises during the robbery. Jenkins, a multi-convicted felon, brandished a loaded .38 caliber semi-automatic pistol during the bank robbery and jumped the teller counter. Jenkins directed one teller to open the vault. After she did so, Jenkins violently struck her on the back of the head with the pistol. He then restrained her hands. Brant brandished a facsimile firearm at two other tellers and restrained their hands.

After Jenkins and Brant left the bank, dye packs contained within the money immediately exploded in their car, which they had stolen earlier in the day. Brant was apprehended nearby and Jenkins was subsequently located in a tree in a Monona golf course. Both of them immediately confessed to traveling to Monona from Milwaukee for the purpose of committing the bank robbery.

Brant is scheduled for sentencing on September 3, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

The charges against Jenkins were the result of an investigation conducted by the Monona Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Madison Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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