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ROCKFORD MAN SENTENCED TO 43 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR BANK ROBBERY OF ASSOCIATED BANK IN ROCKFORD

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; THOMAS J. KNEIR, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and STEVEN PUGH, Chief of the Rockford Police Department, today made the following announcement:

United States District Court Judge Philip G. Reinhard today sentenced **DEANDRE R. BROWN**, 18 (DOB: 5/30/85), formerly of 2910 Chatham, Rockford, Illinois, to 43 months in federal prison without parole for the robbery of the Associated Bank, 3333 North Rockton Avenue, Rockford, Illinois on October 23, 2003. The court also ordered Brown to pay \$2,570 in restitution, a \$100 special assessment, and ordered that Brown be placed on supervised release for three years following his release from prison.

After being arrested by the Chicago Police Department on other state charges, Brown was taken into federal custody on the federal robbery charge on December 1, 2003 by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Brown was indicted on December 16, 2003 and released on conditional bond, which was revoked on January 26, 2004. Brown has remained in federal custody since January 26, 2004.

Brown pleaded guilty to the bank robbery charges on March 11, 2004. At the time he pleaded guilty, Brown admitted that at approximately 1:47 p.m., on October 23, 2003, he entered the Associated Bank, 3333 North Rockton Avenue, Rockford, Illinois, approached one of the bank employees at a teller window, and placed a note in front of the teller. Written on the note were the words: “yes this is a Robbery put all the money in a bag any wrong move or I will shoot no funny business Death.” The teller then pulled money from her drawer and handed it to Brown, which he then put into his jacket pocket. Brown then left the bank with the money. During the time that he was in the bank, Brown kept his right hand in his jacket pocket.

The case was investigated by Rockford Office of the FBI and the Rockford Police Department. The case was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Michael D. Love.

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