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### **“HO-HUM BANDIT” PLEADS GUILTY TO THE NOT SO HO-HUM TOTAL OF SEVEN BANK ROBBERIES**

**NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** – January 28, 2014

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced that Adam Lynch pled guilty this afternoon in federal court in San Diego to seven counts of bank robbery. Lynch, dubbed the “Ho Hum Bandit” for his reportedly nonchalant manner in robbing banks, committed a string of bank robberies in San Diego beginning in February 2010. Lynch entered his guilty plea before U.S. Magistrate Judge David H. Bartick.

As described in his plea agreement, Lynch committed his first bank robbery on February 27, 2010, robbing a US Bank in San Diego. He thereafter went on a spree of robberies in the area, committing his seventh on June 5, 2010. He robbed the same bank branch twice within the space of a week. Typically, Lynch would commit the robbery by walking up to the counter, passing a note to the teller, identifying

himself as being armed, and demanding cash. He did not physically injure any of the bank personnel.

Lynch's robberies in San Diego were the start, but not the end, of his career. On May 6, 2013, in Denver, Lynch was convicted of four counts of bank robbery, based on robberies he committed in the Denver area in August 2010, December 2010, and March 2011; as well as a robbery he committed in Cheyenne, Wyoming, in November 2010. For those offenses, on April 19, 2013, Lynch was sentenced by a federal judge to 64 months in prison.

Lynch has been in custody since his arrest on April 21, 2011, and is set for sentencing on April 28, 2014 before U.S. District Judge Roger T. Benitez.

**DEFENDANT**

**Case Number: 14-CR-0182-BEN**

Adam Lynch

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Bank robbery in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a) - Maximum penalties per count: 20 years in prison, \$250,000 fine, term of supervised release of three years, restitution, and \$100 special assessment.

**INVESTIGATING AGENCY**

Federal Bureau of Investigation