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DRIVER OF “CHUBBY BANDIT” BANK ROBBER CONVICTED

NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY –March 14, 2013

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced that Vahid Edrisi was found guilty by a federal jury earlier today in San Diego of six counts of bank robbery and one count of robbing a pharmacy. The verdicts follow a two-day trial before United States District Judge Larry A. Burns.

The evidence presented at trial showed Edrisi accessing cellular towers in the vicinity of six of the seven robberies committed by Aaron Hyman, dubbed the “Chubby Bandit,” in October 2012. Edrisi himself was captured by video surveillance just prior to one of the robberies, and Edrisi’s black 2011 Chevrolet

Camaro Convertible was captured on video surveillance at three of the seven robberies. Hyman entered guilty pleas to seven counts of robbery on January 24, 2013.

The evidence further showed that Edrisi twice fled law enforcement at high rates of speed to avoid capture. Edrisi abandoned the car following the second chase. Inside the car, officers found a hat worn during one of the seven "Chubby Bandit" robberies. Edrisi was arrested when he went to the tow yard to attempt to retrieve his car.

The defendants were convicted of robbing:

\$369.00	U.S. Bank, 12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, Poway, CA
2 Bottles of Oxycontin	CVS Pharmacy, 191 Woodland Parkway, San Marcos, CA
\$2,307.00	Chase Bank, 7176 Avenida Encinitas, Carlsbad, CA
Attempted	Chase Bank, 607 Lomas Santa Fe Dr., Solana Beach, CA
\$309.00	Wells Fargo, 276 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, CA
\$1,590.00	U.S. Bank, 770 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, CA
\$830.00	Wells Fargo, 11986 Bernardo Plaza Dr., San Diego, CA

Judge Burns set a sentencing hearing for Edrisi on June 10, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. Hyman is scheduled for sentencing on April 8, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

DEFENDANTS

Case Number: 12cr5098-LAB

Aaron Alan Hyman
Vahid Edrisi

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a) Bank Robbery
Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a) – Obstruction of Interstate Commerce by Force (Hobbs Act)
Maximum Penalties: 20 years for each count

INVESTIGATING AGENCIES

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Carlsbad Police Department
San Diego County Sheriff's Department
San Diego Police Department