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ROCKFORD MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ROBBING ASSOCIATED BANK IN ROCKFORD

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

ANTHONY TERRELL TAYLOR, age 22, of Rockford, Illinois, pled guilty today in federal court in Rockford to the armed robbery of the Associated Bank, 3402 North Main Street, Rockford, Illinois, on October 23, 2006. Taylor also pled guilty to using and carrying a firearm in relation to a crime of violence and to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

In pleading guilty, Taylor admitted that on the morning of October 23, 2006, he walked into the Associated Bank, 3402 North Main Street, in Rockford, carrying a 20 gauge shotgun covered by a black plastic bag. Taylor pointed the shotgun at a teller, threw a bag at her, and told her to give him the money. He approached a second teller and handed her another bag. Both tellers placed cash from their teller drawers in the bags and gave them to Taylor. After ordering everyone to get down on the floor, Taylor left the bank. After leaving the bank, Taylor discarded the shotgun and plastic bag in an alley located behind the bank. According to the guilty plea, Taylor obtained approximately \$7,349 in cash from the two tellers during the robbery. Taylor was arrested on October 24, 2006 and has been held in custody since his arrest.

Sentencing for Taylor will be conducted on October 26, 2007. Taylor faces a possible maximum penalty of life imprisonment, a \$500,000 fine, a period of supervised release of 3 to 5 years following imprisonment, and restitution as ordered by the court. The actual sentence will be determined by the United States District Court, guided by the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

The case was investigated by Rockford Office of the FBI and the Rockford Police Department. The case is being prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorneys Joseph C. Pedersen and Scott A. Verseman.

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