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**POUGHKEEPSIE RESIDENT PLEADS GUILTY TO SIX NEW YORK,
CONNECTICUT, AND PENNSYLVANIA BANK ROBBERIES**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that FRANK SCOTT SURICO, a resident of the City of Poughkeepsie, New York, pleaded guilty today to six robberies or attempted robberies of banks in New York, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. The plea was entered before United States District Court Judge KENNETH M. KARAS in White Plains federal court. SURICO, who has been in federal custody since March 11, 2008, is scheduled to be sentenced on October 29, 2008.

SURICO pleaded guilty to a five-count Superseding Information filed in the Southern District of New York and a one-count Indictment filed in the Middle District of Pennsylvania. He admitted to committing the following six robberies from January through March 2008:

- the January 4, 2008 robbery of the Webster Bank in Brookfield, Connecticut, of \$2,800;
- the January 24, 2008 robbery of the Citizen's Bank in New Windsor, New York, of \$3,264;
- the February 13, 2008 robbery of the Fairfield County Bank in Danbury, Connecticut, of \$5,300;
- the February 23, 2008 robbery of the Catskill Hudson Bank in Middletown, New York, of \$5,365;
- the March 4, 2008, robbery of the Citizens Bank in Matamoras, Pennsylvania, of \$6,756; and
- the January 23, 2008 attempted robbery of the Mid Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union in Middletown, New York.

SURICO faces a maximum term of 20 years' imprisonment for each of the six counts.

Mr. GARCIA praised the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the New York State Police, and the Police Departments of New Windsor, Walkill, Brookfield, Matamoras, and Danbury, in connection with this investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney ANNA M. SKOTKO is in charge of the prosecution.

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