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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED IN MANHATTAN FEDERAL COURT TO
151 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR COMMITTING BANK ROBBERIES
IN NEW YORK AND LAS VEGAS**

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that RONALD G. ATKINSON was sentenced today in Manhattan federal court to 151 months in prison by United States District Judge WILLIAM H. PAULEY III for robbing six banks in New York and Las Vegas.

According to the Information to which ATKINSON previously pleaded guilty, documents previously filed in this case, and statements made during ATKINSON's guilty plea proceeding:

Beginning in March 2009, ATKINSON robbed six banks in New York, New York, and Las Vegas, Nevada. After robbing four banks in New York, ATKINSON traveled to Las Vegas, where he robbed two additional banks before being caught by local police on June 17, 2009. ATKINSON robbed a Citibank, a Sovereign Bank, a Chase Bank, and a Capital One Bank in Manhattan; and a Nevada State Bank and a Citibank in Las Vegas.

During the robbery of the Capital One Bank in Manhattan, New York, ATKINSON placed a written note on a bank teller's counter which read: "Give me all the money, don't give me no ink, don't pull the button." When the teller handed over some of the cash from the drawer, ATKINSON demanded more, saying, "You have 15 seconds to give me all you have or else I'm going to start shooting everyone in here."

ATKINSON, 37, of Bronx, New York, previously pleaded guilty on January 21, 2010, to six counts of bank robbery.

Mr. BHARARA praised the outstanding investigative work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New York Police Department in this case, and thanked the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department for their assistance.

Assistant United States Attorney RYAN P. POSCABLO is in charge of the prosecution.