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ROBBERS PLEAD GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT FOR THEIR ROLE IN THE ARMED HOLDUP OF A WESTCHESTER BANK

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that ANTHONY MINGO of White Plains and CARLOS PEGUERO of Yonkers pleaded guilty last Friday and late Monday, respectively, in White Plains federal court to charges that they participated in the May 28, 2004, armed bank robbery of a Wachovia Bank branch located at 921 Saw Mill River Road, Ardsley, New York. According to their plea allocutions and other filings in the case:

On May 28, 2004, MINGO entered the Wachovia Bank in Ardsley with a gunman, who held everyone in the bank at bay while MINGO vaulted over the teller counter and took money from the teller stations. The two absconded with approximately \$42,000 in a car driven by PEGUERO and occupied by another accomplice.

MINGO faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years in prison and a maximum sentence of life in prison, and PEGUERO faces a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison, when each is sentenced by United States District Court Judge CHARLES L. BRIEANT on September 11, 2007. (Rasheim Carlton was previously convicted of being the gunman in the robbery and was sentenced to 50 years' imprisonment on February 7, 2007, by United States District Court Judge STEPHEN C. ROBINSON.

Mr. GARCIA praised the dedicated investigative work of the Ardsley Police Department, the Yonkers Police Department, and the FBI's Violent Crimes Squad in White Plains.

Assistant United States Attorneys BRENT S. WIBLE and PERRY CARBONE are in charge of the prosecution. 07-113 ###