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## <u>DAYTON MAN SENTENCED TO 192 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR ARMED BANK ROBBERY</u>

DAYTON – Ronald E. Douds, 42, of Dayton, was sentenced in United States District Court here today to 192 months imprisonment for armed bank robbery and other charges stemming from the July 2, 2007 robbery of Fifth Third Bank on Shiloh Springs Road in Trotwood.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio; Keith L. Bennett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigations; Chief Richard Biehl, Dayton Police Department; Chief Quincy E. Pope, Trotwood Police Department; and Montgomery County Sheriff Phil Plummer, announced the sentence handed down today by United States District Judge Thomas M. Rose.

Douds pleaded guilty on October 26, 2009 to one count each of armed bank robbery, use of a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. According to the statement of facts filed in Court at the time of his plea, Douds entered Fifth Third Bank wearing a hat, wig, and sunglasses and brandished a firearm at customers. He approached the counter and demanded money from tellers and fled on foot. He was arrested by law enforcement officers two weeks later. At the time of his arrest, Douds was carrying two .38 special revolvers.

Douds has two prior felony convictions -- a 1988 conviction in Montgomery County, Ohio for aggravated robbery and a 1994 conviction in Franklin County, Ohio for aggravated burglary, kidnapping and aggravated robbery.

Douds was also sentenced to five years of supervised release, a form of probation, after his prison term is served. In addition, Douds was ordered to pay restitution to Fifth Third Bank in the amount of \$26,418.43, plus a \$300 special assessment, and to forfeit the two firearms recovered at the time of his arrest.

Stewart commended the cooperative investigation of this case by FBI agents, Trotwood and Dayton police officers and detectives, Montgomery County Sheriff deputies, and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Andrew Hunt and Brent Tabacchi, who prosecuted the case.