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## JANESVILLE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ARMED ROBBERY OF UNION CENTER BANK

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Thomas A. Senge, a/k/a Thomas A. Steele, Janesville, Wis., pleaded guilty today before U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to robbing the Farmers State Bank, Union Center, Wis., on December 9, 2008. Senge also pleaded guilty to using a firearm in connection with that bank robbery.

Senge faces penalties of 25 years in prison on the bank robbery charge and not less than seven years nor more than life imprisonment for using a handgun during the bank robbery. Senge will be sentenced at 1:00 p.m. on June 17, 2010.

In pleading guilty, Senge admitted that he and another man, Richard Molinaro, robbed the Farmers State Bank together. Molinaro earlier pleaded guilty to robbing the bank and will be sentenced at 12:40 p.m. on April 26, 2010.

The guilty pleas followed an investigation by the Union Center Police Department, Juneau County Sheriff's Department, and Federal Bureau of Investigation. Prosecution of this case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

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