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BANK ROBBER SENTENCED TO 70 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that yesterday, U.S. District Judge William M. Conley sentenced Steven R. Willard, 20, Phillips, Wis., to 70 months in federal prison for his role in the robbery of the Dairyland State Bank, 903 Grant Avenue, Exeland, Wis., on October 30, 2009.

Willard pleaded guilty on April 15, 2010, to bank robbery and use of a firearm during the offense. The court also sentenced Willard to three years of supervised release following his incarceration and ordered him to pay full restitution to the bank.

Co-defendant Robert H. McCallie, 22, Kennan, Wis., also pleaded guilty and is scheduled to be sentenced on July 27, 2010.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department; Federal Bureau of Investigation; Birchwood Police Department; Price County Sheriff's Department; Rusk County Sheriff's Department; Washburn County Sheriff's Department; Barron County Sheriff's Department; Rice Lake Police Department; Rhinelander Police Department; Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and Wisconsin State Patrol. The prosecution of this case has been handled by United States Attorney Stephen P. Sinnott.