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SOUTH DAKOTA MAN SENTENCED TO 71 MONTHS ON BANK ROBBERY CHARGES

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Thomas J. Hunt, 47, previously of Sioux Falls, S.D., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 71 months in prison without parole for bank robbery. The prison term will be followed by three years of supervised release. Hunt pleaded guilty to this charge on March 17, 2010.

On May 5, 2009, Hunt walked away from a halfway house in Sioux Falls, stole a car, and traveled to Wisconsin. On the afternoon of May 6, 2009, Hunt robbed the Guaranty Bank located at Copps Foods in Monona, Wis.. Hunt was apprehended on May 8, 2009, after he robbed a Guaranty Bank in Sheboygan, Wis.

In sentencing Hunt to the top of the guideline range, Judge Crabb noted that he "repeatedly demonstrated a serious danger to the community," requiring an extended period of incarceration. Judge Crabb ordered that the federal sentence be served consecutive to the 15-year sentence Hunt is currently serving for the Sheboygan bank robbery.

The charges against Hunt were the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Monona Police Department, and Sheboygan Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey M. Anderson.

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