

## **NEWS RELEASE**

## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

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## SECOND DEFENDANT SENTENCED FOR HARRISONVILLE BANK ROBBERY

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a man was sentenced in federal court today for robbing a Harrisonville, Mo., bank.

**Jermy Glen Cooper**, 24, who currently is in custody in Cass County, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith today to three years and one month in federal prison without parole.

On Dec. 3, 2002, **Cooper** pleaded guilty to taking, by means of intimidation, \$7,516 from the Commerce Bank of Harrisonville on Oct. 10, 2002.

**Cooper** is the second defendant to be sentenced in this case. **Cooper** and **Levi Luke Jeffrey**, 30, who also is in custody in Cass County, were both indicted for robbing the bank by a federal grand jury on Oct. 16, 2002.

**Jeffrey** pleaded guilty to the bank robbery charge on Nov. 26, 2002. He was sentenced on March 28, 2003, to three years and one month in federal prison without parole.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney William L. Meiners. This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Harrisonville, Mo., Police Department.

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