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DEFENDANT SENTENCED FOR ROBBING
SPRINGFIELD BANK

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a defendant was sentenced in federal court today for robbing Great Southern Bank in Springfield.

Larry Drew Jacques, 41, address unknown, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to 12 years and seven months in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Jacques** to pay $1,335 in restitution to Great Southern Bank and revoked his supervised release from a prior federal sentence. The court sentenced **Jacques** to 16 months imprisonment for violating the terms of his supervised released, to run concurrent with the sentence for bank robbery.

On March 13, 2003, **Jacques** pleaded guilty to robbing the Great Southern Bank, located at 1955 S. Campbell Ave., on Dec. 26, 2002.

By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Jacques** admitted that shortly after 4 p.m. on Dec. 26, 2002, dressed in a hooded sweat shirt, coat, gloves, sunglasses and a bandana pulled over his lower face, he approached a teller at the bank and ordered the teller to give him all the big bills in the vault. After the teller explained that the employees did not have access to the vault, the teller gave him $1,714 from the teller drawer. **Jacques** left the bank and was arrested at 10 p.m., Dec. 27, 2002.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas C. Bunch. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Springfield, Mo., Police Department.

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