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SPRINGFIELD MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ROBBING BANK USING DANGEROUS WEAPON

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Springfield, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to robbing a bank using a dangerous weapon.

Richard Lee Paine, Sr., 37, of Springfield, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to robbing O'Bannon Bank on June 15, 2002, in Dallas County, Mo. **Paine** also admitted to assaulting a bank employee by the use of a handgun when committing the robbery.

By pleading guilty, **Paine** admitted that he and his son entered the O'Bannon Bank, located on Old Highway 65 South near Fairgrove, Mo., wearing caps and sunglasses at approximately 11 a.m., on June 15, 2002. After he and his son approached a teller, **Paine** pulled a handgun from his waistband and pointed the handgun at the teller, Graves said. **Paine** said to the teller, "This is a stick up. Hand me your large bills." After receiving \$3,300 in currency, **Paine** and his son left the bank with the money. Both were photographed by the bank's surveillance cameras, Graves added.

Paine was arrested on Sept. 15, 2003. Upon being arrested, he admitted that he robbed the bank using an unloaded Colt .45 caliber pistol.

Paine was originally charged with robbing the bank in a criminal complaint filed in federal court on Sept. 16, 2003, in Springfield.

As a result of pleading guilty, **Paine** may be subject to a sentence of up to 25 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine of up to \$250,000. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Doug Bunch. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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