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PARKVILLE MAN INDICTED ON THREE ROBBERIES AT NORTHLAND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Parkville man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for robbing three Northland financial institutions in the same week last month.

Shawn M. Simmer, 27, of Parkville, Mo., was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Kansas City. That indictment replaces a federal criminal complaint filed on December 12, 2002, which charged **Simmer** with robbing Bank of America in North Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Simmer** took \$300 by threat of force, violence or intimidation from a teller at Community America Credit Union, 6500 N.W. Prairie View Road, Kansas City, Mo., on December 4, 2002.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Simmer** took \$550 by threat of force, violence or intimidation from a teller at another branch of Community America Credit Union, 7613 N.W. Prairie View Road, Kansas City, Mo., on December 8, 2002. In committing that offense, the indictment alleges, **Simmer** assaulted and placed in jeopardy the life of the teller and others by the use of a handgun.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Simmer** took \$1,611.90 by threat of force, violence or intimidation from a teller at Bank of America, 2260 Armour Road, North Kansas City, Mo., on December 11, 2002.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the North Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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