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KANSAS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO \$178,000 CHECK-WRITING SCHEME

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas man pleaded guilty in federal court today to a bank fraud by means of a check-writing scheme involving counterfeit and non-sufficient fund checks totaling more than \$178,000.

Ray T. Streetman, 25, of McFarland, Kan., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 7, 2002, in Kansas City.

By pleading guilty, **Streetman** admitted that he used a computer and check-writing software to write non-sufficient funds checks and counterfeit checks, including cashier's checks, totaling approximately \$178,617. During the course of the scheme, **Streetman** defrauded Bank Midwest, Country Club Bank and UMB Bank, all of Kansas City, as well as other federally-insured financial institutions.

Streetman also admitted that he used the checks to purchase goods, services and credits to which he was not entitled, and that he deposited the checks into bank accounts.

As a result of pleading guilty, **Streetman** may be subject to a maximum sentence of 30 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$1 million. Restitution also may be ordered in the full amount of the loss incurred by the banks, which includes an outstanding amount of \$73,186.43. 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 Linda Parker Marshall. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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