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DEFENDANT INDICTED FOR BANK ROBBERY

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a defendant was indicted by a federal grand jury today for robbing Great Southern Bank, at 1955 South Campbell Street in Springfield, on May 5, 2003.

Ryan Lee Tyger, 28, address unknown, was charged with the bank robbery in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Springfield.

Today's indictment, Graves explained, replaces a federal criminal complaint filed against **Tyger** on May 16, 2003. **Tyger** surrendered to law enforcement authorities on that day, after a bank surveillance photo had been published in a local newspaper and broadcast during local news programs.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge 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 Douglas C. Bunch. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Springfield, Mo., Police Department.

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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