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DEFENDANT SENTENCED FOR SPRINGFIELD BANK ROBBERY

SPRINGFIELD, 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 a Springfield, Mo., bank.

Ryan Lee Tyger, 29, address unknown, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Ortrie D. Smith this afternoon to three years and 10 months in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered him to pay \$1,453 in restitution.

On June 6, 2003, **Tyger** pleaded guilty to robbing the Great Southern Bank, located at 1955 South Campbell Street in Springfield, by means of intimidation on May 5, 2003. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he entered the bank shortly before 3 p.m., and told a teller to “give me all your money, big bills, hurry up, big bills, no bait money,” Graves said. He took \$1,453 in the robbery.

Law enforcement officers later observed **Tyger** in bank surveillance photographs taken during the robbery.

Tyger was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on June 4, 2003, in Springfield.

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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