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GLADSTONE MAN SENTENCED IN LIBERTY, MO., BANK ROBBERY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Gladstone man was sentenced in federal court today for robbing North Star Bank in Liberty, Mo.

Daniel E. Woods, 44, of Gladstone, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this morning to two years and nine months in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered Woods to pay \$19,800 in restitution.

On Jan. 31, 2003, **Woods** pleaded guilty to robbing North Star Bank, 175 West Kansas Avenue in Liberty, Mo. **Woods** stole \$19,800 from the bank on Aug. 8, 2002, Graves said. **Woods** admitted that he handed bank tellers a note that demanded they give him all of their “100s” and to “do it now.”

Although not part of the formal charges for which he was sentenced, Graves explained, **Woods** acknowledged that he also robbed the Pony Express Bank in Liberty on Oct. 30, 2002, and agreed that action would be considered by the court as relevant conduct for the purpose of determining an appropriate sentence.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael D. Green. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Clay County, Mo., Sheriff’s Department, and Liberty, 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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