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SERIAL BANK ROBBER SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS AND 8 MONTHS

One Robbery Involved an Assault on a Bank Teller

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that United States District Judge sentenced MIGUEL KERCHERVAL, 44, of Washington State, to 15 years and eight months in federal prison, followed by five years of supervised release for robbing and attempting to rob four different banks in the cities of Sacramento and Tulare.

This case is the product of an investigation by the Sacramento Violent Crimes Task Force, which includes the FBI and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office. The Police Departments in Tulare, Calif., and Reno, Nev. also assisted.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who prosecuted the case, on September 20, 2006, KERCHERVAL attempted to rob the California Bank and Trust located at 1800 Arden Way, Sacramento. Later that day he robbed a Citibank branch located at 1116 Alhambra Boulevard, Sacramento. On October 2, 2006 he attempted to rob a Washington Mutual Bank, located at 1079 East Prosperity Avenue, in the city of Tulare, and on October 5, 2006, he robbed a branch of the US Bank located at 2851 Del Paso Road, Sacramento. During his Washington Mutual Bank robbery, he admitted that he punched a teller in the face. After this robbery spree, he committed two additional robberies in the Reno, Nev. area.

KERCHERVAL pleaded guilty on June 13, 2008.

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