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**RANDALLSTOWN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BANK ROBBERY**

Baltimore, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that Patrick Joseph Curran, age 50, of Randallstown, Maryland pleaded guilty today before U.S. District Judge J. Frederick Motz to bank robbery. The defendant was extradited from England to face the bank robbery charges.

In a statement of facts provided to the court as part of the plea agreement, Curran admitted that he entered the Provident Bank located at 1350 East Fort Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland on August 13, 2001 and approached the teller handing him a demand note. The teller complied with Curran's demands and handed over \$9,424. Additionally, Curran was also responsible for the October 8, 1998 robbery of the Harbor Bank, 1350 Fort Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland wherein Curran obtained \$9,338.

Curran faces a maximum sentence of 20 years' imprisonment followed by 3 years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been scheduled for August 21, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

The case is a result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bonnie S. Greenberg.