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**BANK ROBBER SENTENCED TO 151 MONTHS**

BALTIMORE, Maryland – Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that today United States District Judge William D. Quarles sentenced Kenneth M. Lanham, age 43, of Boonsboro, Maryland to 151 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release as a result of Lanham’s guilty plea to one count of bank robbery.

According to the statement of facts presented to the court at his guilty plea on September 8, 2003, Lanham robbed the Bank Annapolis, located at 50 W. McKinsey Road, Severna Park, Maryland, on January 16, 2003; and the First Union Bank, 721 North Hammonds Ferry Road, Linthicum, Maryland, on January 24, 2003.

In each case, Lanham handed the bank tellers a demand note, instructing them to provide “all strapped money” and “no dye packs.” Lanham also stated to one of the tellers that “You have one minute [to comply] and no one gets hurt.” Lanham stole \$1,382 from Bank Annapolis and \$2,280 from First Union Bank. After the First Union robbery, an Anne Arundel County detective observed Lanham leaving the bank and followed him to a Motel Six, where he was subsequently arrested in possession of the stolen money.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Stephanie A. Gallagher and Kwame J. Manley.