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FORMER USED CAR SALESMAN HEADS TO FEDERAL PRISON

(Beaumont, Texas) A 43-year old Lumberton man has been sentenced to 33 months in federal prison for a used car scheme that cost local banks millions of dollars. **ROBERT L. MCDORMAN**, was also ordered by U.S. District Judge Marcia Crone to pay \$3,724,256.21 in restitution.

McDorman pleaded guilty on April 21, 2004, to an information charging him with bank fraud while selling used cars at several area locations under the name of McDorman Motors. According to information presented in court, McDorman sold vehicles secured by local banks without obtaining a release of the security from the bank. McDorman will pay restitution in the amount of \$350,000 to South Trust Bank and restitution in the amount of \$3,374,256.21 to Mauriceville National Bank.

Matthew D. Orwig, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, stressed the importance of protecting east Texas from shady business practices, "Bank fraud is a serious crime that eventually impacts an entire community. Individuals can expect to be vigorously prosecuted for improper use of the banking system."

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Depository Corporation investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Chief of the Criminal Division, Malcolm Bales and Assistant U. S. Attorney Paul Naman prosecuted the case.

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