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## **BANK ROBBER ENTERS GUILTY PLEA**

(Beaumont, Texas) A 39-year-old man has pleaded guilty to bank robbery, attempted bank robbery, and using a firearm during a robbery. **Mickael Peoples**, formerly of Bridge City, entered his plea yesterday before U.S. District Judge Ron Clark.

According to information presented in court, Peoples robbed the Firestone Community Federal Credit Union in Bridge City on March 23, 2003. He brandished a firearm at the employees and demanded money. Peoples fled in a bank employee's car with the money. He also admitted that on July 10, 2003, he entered the Wells Fargo Bank in Port Arthur intending to rob it. However, Peoples thought a security guard was present so he left without further incident.

Peoples faces up to life in prison and a fine of up to \$750,000.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Orange County Sheriff's Office, the Bridge City Police Department, and the Port Arthur Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney John Stevens is prosecuting the case.

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