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CROCKETT MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ARMED BANK ROBBERY

(Beaumont, Texas) A 33-year-old Crockett man has been sentenced to 141 months in federal prison for armed bank robbery and using a firearm during a crime of violence. **LARRY WAYNE TESSEO** was sentenced this morning by United States District Judge Thad Heartfield for robbing the Commercial Bank of Texas last year.

According to court documents, Tesseo entered the Commercial Bank of Texas in Kennard, Texas, on October 3, 2003, brandished a firearm and left with a little more than \$8,000 cash. Immediately after the robbery, local authorities apprehended Tesseo with the money and the firearm still in his possession.

Matthew D. Orwig, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas says the sentence is well deserved, "This person was bold enough to walk into a bank, pull a gun on innocent people and demand money. The Houston County Sheriff's Office and the FBI did a tremendous job of apprehending Tesseo. Thanks to their actions, this dangerous criminal has been brought to justice."

The case was investigated by the Houston County Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Rey Morin prosecuted the case.

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