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BANK ROBBERY INDICTMENT

(Beaumont, Texas) A federal grand jury in Beaumont has indicted **THAD WALTON THOMPSON** for bank robbery. A one-count indictment was returned this afternoon.

According to court documents, Thompson, 46, is accused of robbing the Bridge City State Bank on North 16th Street in Orange, Texas on March 12, 2004. During an afternoon hearing, Thompson waived his right to a detention hearing and will remain in federal custody until trial.

If convicted, Thompson could face a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000. It is important to note that an indictment is merely a charge and should not be considered as evidence of either innocence or guilt.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Orange Police Department, Orange Fire Department, West Orange Police Department, Orange County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Department of Public Safety assisted in the investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney John Stevens is prosecuting the case.

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