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Man sentenced for robbing St. Paul bank

A 46-year-old man was sentenced today in federal court in connection with the May 12, 2007, heist at a TCF Bank in St. Paul.

On Oct. 21 in St. Paul, United States District Court Judge Richard Kyle sentenced Gregory Scott Tyler, unknown address, to 120 months in prison and three years supervised release on one count of bank robbery. Tyler was indicted on Oct. 10, 2007, and pleaded guilty on Feb. 19.

According to Tyler's plea agreement, he admitted that on May 12 he did, by force, violence and intimidation, take approximately \$2,071 from a bank teller. Tyler entered the bank and presented a teller with a demand note, which stated, "This is not a joke, give me all your cash."

According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, the teller complied with the robber's demand, grabbed cash from the drawer and provided it to the robber. The robber then asked, "Is that all?" The teller responded, "Yes." The robber then told the teller, "Don't follow me." He then stuffed the money in his pants pocket and left.

Law enforcement received several calls from concerned citizens who recognized the robber from bank surveillance photos that were published by the media. One of those citizens told police that days before the robbery, Tyler said he was "going to do something big."

This case was the result of an investigation by the FBI and the St. Paul Police Department, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly A. Svendsen.