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CASE OF INTEREST

25-Year Career Criminal Sentenced for Bank Robbery

DATE: July 22, 2016

CASE: Rome Robert Dennis

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Amber Walter, Career Criminal Prosecution Unit

The Honorable Sharon Lueras sentenced Rome Robert Dennis to 35 years to in life in prison. On June 13, 2016, a jury convicted Dennis of two counts of second-degree robbery.

On January 29, 2015, Dennis went to the Chase bank on Florin Road and requested assistance from an employee for a "charged off" account. Once he was seated at the banker's desk, he wrote a note on a business card that it was a robbery and demanded money. He told the victim not to press anything, not to do anything stupid, and to stay calm because he had a gun and a bomb that could explode. The victim did not have access to cash at his work station, so he approached a fellow employee and told him that they were being robbed. Dennis then approached both victims, threatened them, and demanded money. They complied and gave him nearly \$3,000 in cash. Dennis then fled the bank, but was apprehended less than a mile away by law enforcement.

Dennis has a lengthy criminal history dating back to 1990, including two prior strike convictions for assault with intent to commit rape and attempted robbery. He also has prior convictions for the sale and transportation of a controlled substance, recklessly fleeing from police, failing to register as a sex offender, and indecent exposure. Dennis had been returned to prison multiple times on parole violations.