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David M. Ketchmark, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Trenton man has pleaded guilty in federal court today to his role in the robbery of a Jamesport bank.

Thirty-nine year old William Wade Hutchison of Trenton pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner to the charge contained in a September 4, 2012 federal indictment.

By virtue of his guilty plea, Hutchison admitted to stealing \$2,670 from Home Exchange Bank in Jamesport on August 8th.

According to court documents, Hutchison was wearing a black motocross-style helmet with no visor, sunglasses, a full-length cloth trench coat and heavy gloves when he entered the bank.

Hutchison held an object in his hand that resembled a handgun along with a plastic sack. He told the teller, "I want your cash box, big bills first." The teller placed money in the plastic bag and Hutchison left the bank.

A couple of days later, an employee at a Trenton store recognized the bank surveillance photos that were published in the local newspaper as one of the store's customers. She told law enforcement officers that she had seen a customer wearing the same helmet and trench coat the day before the robbery. A confidential informant notified an ATF task force officer that Hutchison was the person who robbed the bank. The store employee was then shown six photographs from which she identified Hutchison as the customer. A bank employee, who thought she recognized Hutchison on the day of the robbery, also identified him from a photo spread.

Under federal statutes, Hutchison is subject to a sentence of up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a pre-sentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney D. Michael Green. It was investigated by the FBI, the Daviess County Sheriff's Department, and the Grundy County Sheriff's Department.