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**ROCKFORD WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ROBBERY OF  
ASSOCIATED BANK IN ROCKFORD**

ROCKFORD — A Rockford, Ill. woman pleaded guilty today in federal court to bank robbery. LATOYA SHAUNTA BURROWS, 32, of Rockford, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Frederick J. Kapala to the robbery of Associated Bank, 612 North Main St., Rockford, Ill., on March 20, 2012.

According to the written plea agreement, Burrows entered Associated Bank through the west doors at about 10:57 a.m. on Mar. 20, 2012, wearing pink pants and a black t-shirt. Burrows immediately approached the teller counter, by-passing the roped off waiting line, and handed the teller a folded piece of paper, which read: "Put the money in the bag and nobody will get hurt." The teller removed cash from the teller drawer, but told Burrows that he did not have a bag to put the money into. Burrows took the money from the teller's hand, stuffed the cash into her bra, and walked out of the bank. Shortly after the robbery, Burrows was arrested by the Rockford Police Department in the vicinity of the bank. She has been held in federal custody since her arrest.

Bank robbery carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000, up to 5 years of supervised release following imprisonment, and full restitution. The actual sentence would be determined by the United States District Court, guided by the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

The guilty plea was announced by Gary S. Shapiro, Acting United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; William C. Monroe, Acting Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Chet Epperson, Chief of the Rockford Police Department.

The government is being represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott A. Verseman.

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