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**WHITE PLAINS MAN SENTENCED TO 50 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON  
FOR THE ARMED HOLDUP OF A WESTCHESTER BANK**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that RASHEIM CARLTON was sentenced today to 50 years' imprisonment for his participation in the armed bank robbery of the Wachovia Bank branch located at 921 Saw Mill River Road, Ardsley, New York. United States District Judge STEPHEN C. ROBINSON imposed the sentence in federal court in White Plains.

The sentence followed a jury trial earlier this year in which CARLTON was convicted of bank robbery, armed bank robbery, and using and carrying a firearm during a crime of violence.

According to the evidence presented at trial, at approximately 9:45 a.m. on May 28, 2004, CARLTON and another man entered the Wachovia Bank in Ardsley. CARLTON brandished a gun, forced 2 bank employees out of their offices at gunpoint, and held everyone in the bank - 5 bank employees and 1 customer - at bay, while his accomplice ran to the back of the bank, vaulted over the teller counter, and stole money from the teller

stations. The evidence at trial showed that the 2 men robbed the bank of \$41,560 and then, with 2 other accomplices, fled the scene of the crime in a gold Mitsubishi Galant.

Mr. GARCIA praised the dedicated investigative work of the Ardsley Police Department, the White Plains Police Department, and the FBI's Violent Crimes Squad in White Plains. A continuing investigation has resulted in the indictment of two other individuals, ANTHONY MINGO and CARLOS PEGUERO, for their respective involvement in the May 28, 2004, armed robbery of the Wachovia Bank branch in Ardsley. Their case is currently pending before United States District Judge CHARLES L. BRIEANT.

Assistant United States Attorneys MICHAEL S. BOSWORTH and JOHN HILLEBRECHT are in charge of the prosecution.

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