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SUBJECT: Bank Robbery Suspect Arrested

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Defendants are considered innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law.

A suspect in the PNC bank robbery has been arrested.

Because of the serious nature of the charges, Middlesex County Prosecutor Bruce Kaplan released the following announcement, which I am pleased to share with you.

Middlesex County Prosecutor Bruce J. Kaplan announced that two men were arrested today and charged in connection with five bank robberies in Middlesex and Somerset counties.

David Stankovits, (DOB 6/9/71) of 53 Janet Court, Milltown, and Dean Vourderis, (DOB 12/28/59) of 1 Richmond St., Apt. 2305, New Brunswick, were arrested and charged with counts of robbery and conspiring to commit the robberies.

Stankovits was charged with robbing three banks and serving as Vourderis' getaway driver in a fourth bank heist, while Vourderis was charged with robbing two banks and serving as Stankovits' getaway driver in three robberies.

Stankovits was arrested at his home at 12:45 p.m. today, while Vourderis was apprehended during a motor vehicle stop at 11:30 a.m. on Route 1 in North Brunswick.

The men were arrested following a lengthy investigation by members of the Middlesex and Somerset county prosecutor's offices, members of police departments in Cranbury, East Brunswick, Franklin Township and North Brunswick, including Detective Steven Dunkel, and the New Jersey State Police, and the FBI.

The investigation determined that one man would wait outside while the other went in, handed tellers a note and fled with undisclosed amounts of cash on various dates between January 26, 2009, and March 23, 2009.

During a final robbery, on May 5, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., at the PNC Bank on Route 130 in Cranbury, Vourderis acted alone.

Stankovits was charged with robbery, and Vourderis was charged with conspiracy in the following robberies:

January 26, 2009, at 3:58 p.m. at the PNC Bank on Georges Road in North Brunswick, and

February 10, 2009, at 11:06 a.m. at the Provident Bank on Route 27 in North Brunswick.

Vourderis was charged with robbery, and Stankovits was charged with conspiracy, in a robbery on February 20, 2009, at 1:40 p.m. at Investor Savings on DeMott Lane in Franklin Township.

In addition, Stankovits was charged with robbery, and Vourderis was charged with conspiracy in a robbery on March 23, 2009, at 3:13 p.m. at the TD Bank on Milltown Road in East Brunswick.

The arrests were made following numerous hours of work by Investigator Brian Lubeski, Investigator Colin VanDemark, and Agent John Selesky, all of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office; Detective Justin Berger of the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office; Cranbury Police Detective Rob Giaccone; East Brunswick Detective Eric Raps; Franklin Township Detective Brian Stillwell; Detective Steven Dunkel and Detective Seeta Jones, both of North Brunswick

Police Department; Perth Amboy Police Detective Carl Gram, and Special Agent Carrie Brzezinski and Special Agent Stephen Siegel, both of the FBI.

As is the case with all criminal defendants, the charges against Stankovits and Vourderis are merely accusations and they are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

In Summary:

It takes an incredible amount of time and diligence to pursue a case of this magnitude. The Cranbury detectives and patrol officers assigned to this case acted in the finest traditions of law enforcement. I am very proud of my officers.

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