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ORLANDO MAN SENTENCED TO 32 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON ON ROBBERY AND FIREARM CHARGES

Orlando, Florida - United States District Judge John Antoon II today sentenced Sean Batura (21, Orlando) to 384 months in federal prison for two counts of interference with commerce by robbery and two counts of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence. Batura previously pleaded guilty to the charges on February 29, 2012. According to the plea agreement, on the morning of May 17, 2011, Batura entered a Steak and Shake restaurant located at 2700 Semoran Boulevard, in Orlando, and approached an employee at the counter. Batura drew a black semi-automatic pistol, pointed it at the employee and demanded money. After obtaining approximately \$278, Batura fled the restaurant.

Three days later, on the morning of May 20, 2011, Batura entered the McDonald's restaurant located at 451 Goldenrod Road, in Orlando. He walked behind the counter, drew a black semi-automatic pistol and pointed it at the restaurant employees. Batura ordered the employees to the back of the kitchen area, where the manager put the restaurant's money into a blue zippered bank bag. Batura then fled the store with approximately \$1,000.

Six days later, on the afternoon May 26, 2011, Batura entered the Burger King restaurant located at 12001 Collegiate Way, in Orlando. He approached an employee, removed a black semi-automatic pistol from under his shirt and demanded money. Video surveillance images from the restaurant showed Batura pointing the gun

at the customers and employees, including a small child. Batura pulled back the slide on the firearm, threatened to shoot the manager and eventually obtained approximately \$325 before fleeing the restaurant.

On June 9, 2011, authorities identified Batura as the robber and arrested him. Batura subsequently confessed to committing a total of nine armed robberies. A subsequent search of his residence revealed a black semi-automatic handgun and the blue zippered bag from the McDonald's robbery.

This case was jointly investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Orange County Sheriff's Office. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert E. Bodnar, Jr.

It is another case prosecuted as a part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" program - a nationwide, gun-violence reduction strategy led by ATF. United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill, along with Virginia O'Brien, Special Agent in Charge, ATF, is coordinating the Project Safe Neighborhoods effort here in the Middle District of Florida in cooperation with federal, state, and local law enforcement officials.

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