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RECIDIVIST WENATCHEE OFFENDER SENTENCED TO 144 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 BANK ROBBERY

Spokane, Washington – First Assistant United States Attorney Pete Serrano announced that on October 13, 2026, United States District Court Judge Mary K. Dimke sentenced Cameron Len Gaunt, age 43, to 144 months in federal prison and three years of supervised release for robbing the Cashmere Valley Bank on September 12, 2025.

According to court records, Gaunt has a long history of violent federal and state offenses. He had recently been released from Bureau of Prisons custody on July 2, 2025, following prior federal bank robbery convictions, and, at the time of the September 12 robbery, he was already in violation of the conditions of his supervised release.

On the day of the robbery, Gaunt entered the Cashmere Valley Bank branch in Wenatchee and presented a note demanding money: "\$30K cash. No dye packs. No exploding bags." The teller initially provided approximately \$100 in bait bills, but after Gaunt demanded more and commented to the effect that he was "not going back to prison for such a small amount," the teller surrendered the remaining cash in the drawer, totaling \$2,462. Wenatchee Police Department officers responding to the robbery quickly reviewed surveillance footage and identified Gaunt by his distinctive face and neck tattoos. Four days later, on September 16, 2025, he was inside another local bank and a teller recognized him from the prior robbery and activated the alarm. Officers arrived and arrested Gaunt without incident.

Gaunt's extensive criminal history spans more than two decades and includes multiple convictions for forgery, burglary, drug offenses, firearm possession, conspiracy to pass counterfeit notes, and six prior bank robberies in the Eastern and Western Districts of Washington. The September 2025 robbery was his seventh federal bank robbery. He committed

the offense while on supervised release and after failing to report to a required residential reentry center, following his last bank robbery conviction.

In imposing sentence, the Court emphasized Gaunt's repeated refusal to comply with court orders, the danger posed by his pattern of bank robberies, and the need for significant deterrence. The Court also ordered three years of supervised release to follow his term of imprisonment.

"Bank robbery is a crime that terrorizes employees, disrupts communities, and endangers the public," stated Serrano. "Gaunt has repeatedly demonstrated that he will not abide by the law or the conditions of supervision placed upon him. Today's sentence reflects both the seriousness of his conduct and his long history of violent recidivism. This sentence also reflects the importance of our state partnerships, where, together, we work to remove dangerous offenders from our communities."

"Even after convictions for seven bank robberies, among a long list of other crimes spanning over two decades, Mr. Gaunt still has not learned his lesson," said W. Mike Herrington, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Seattle field office. "We hope this sentence sends a strong message to him, and to other career criminals: the FBI and our partners remain dedicated to combating violent crime in its many forms and to keeping our Washington communities safe."

"We're grateful to the U.S. Attorney's Office for taking the lead in this case and for their strong partnership with our office," stated Chelan County Prosecutor Robert Sealby. "Their work secured a significant federal sentence that holds the defendant accountable and protects the people of Chelan County."

This case was investigated by the Wenatchee Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Alison L. Gregoire of the Eastern District of Washington. For additional information, please contact the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Washington

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