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LOGAN MAN SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON FOR PHARMACY ROBBERY

Charleston, WV – **GEOFFREY HAROLD HARVEY, 32, of Logan, WV**, was sentenced today to 30 years in prison for robbing a Logan pharmacy one year ago. HARVEY previously pled guilty in June 2007, before Chief United States District Judge Joseph R. Goodwin, to using a dangerous weapon during the robbery of a pharmacy and discharging a firearm in relation to a crime of violence. On November 13, 2006, HARVEY robbed the Family Discount Pharmacy located in Stollings, Logan County. During the robbery, HARVEY stole a quantity of oxycodone, a controlled substance. In addition, HARVEY discharged a shotgun during the robbery and put in jeopardy the lives of six hostages.

In pronouncing sentencing, Chief Judge Goodwin noted that “Mr. Harvey is a dangerous man” and he “took six hostages and herded them at gunpoint,” threatening to kill them for several hours. Chief Judge Goodwin also stated he considered several factors in sentencing HARVEY to a prison term of 30 years, including the horrific nature of the crime, the lasting, traumatic effects on the victims, and the need to protect the public.

The Logan County Sheriff's Department, West Virginia State Police, Logan Police Department, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and Federal Bureau of

Investigation conducted the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Lisa G. Johnston handled the prosecution.

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