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CARJACKER SENTENCED TO MORE THAN 19 YEARS IN PRISON

LOS ANGELES – U.S. District Court Judge Robert M. Takasugi sentenced Christopher Demetrius Frank to 19 years and seven months in federal prison for carjacking and the use of a firearm in furtherance on a violent crime, Special Agent in Charge John A. Torres of the Los Angeles Field Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), announced today.

Frank was convicted Sept. 4, 2002. In October 2000, Frank, a twice convicted felon who was on parole at the time, jumped into the bed of a pickup truck stopped at a freeway off-ramp. Frank demanded that the driver take him someplace, eventually brandishing a firearm and pointing it at the victim.

The victim instead drove to a Los Angeles police station and ran inside, leaving the keys but activating a kill-switch that disabled the truck. Police officers came out of the station and found Frank in the driver's seat attempting to start the vehicle. A loaded .38 caliber was on the seat next to him. Two spent .38 caliber rounds were recovered from Frank's pocket.

Torres said "this sentencing clearly demonstrates that ATF and the U.S. Attorney's Office are targeting the right criminals."

In addition to ATF, the Los Angeles Police Department and the California Department of Corrections participated in the investigation.

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