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## MAN SENTENCED TO 360 MONTHS FOR ARMED ROBBERIES

**CHARLOTTE, NC** - John Lynn Lattaker (also known as "Edward Miller"), 31, of Charlotte, North Carolina, was sentenced today to 360 months in jail for charges relating to the armed robbery of two Charlotte businesses. Lattaker had pleaded guilty to the robbery of the Inn Town Suites Hotel on South Tryon Street on February 17, 2006, and the robbery of Mid-State Petroleum (doing business as the "Pop Shoppe") located at 6865 Albermarle Road on February 22, 2006; to a related gun offense; and to possessing a firearm at the time of his arrest on March 2, 2006, despite being disqualified from possessing a firearm due to previous felony convictions. The sentence, handed down by Chief Judge Robert J. Conrad, Jr., was based in part on Lattaker's prior criminal history, which made him eligible in U.S. District Court for an enhanced sentence as a "Career Offender" under the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

In announcing the guilty verdicts, Gretchen C.F. Shappert, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, stated, "The defendant, who has a horrible record of crimes against people and property, victimized innocent employees of Charlotte businesses. The severe sentence he received sends a strong message to other would-be armed robbers."

Detective Scott Shipman and other members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department were involved in the investigation, and the case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Steven R. Kaufman.

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