

# The J Group's EDLA SENTENCING NEWSLETTER



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## Defendant Sentenced for Bank Robbery... .... see what happened this past week in the Eastern District of Louisiana

### CASE SPOTLIGHT

#### United States v. Juan K. Simpson 24-cr-256

**What's the Basis?:** On November 25, 2024, Simpson entered a Capital One Bank location and handed the teller a demand note, which stated "Can I borrow 2k this is a robbery." Simpson then waited in the lobby of the bank. While waiting, police officers arrived and took Simpson into custody.

**What's the Violation?:** Mr. Simpson pled guilty to **Bank Robbery**, in violation of **18 U.S.C. § 2113(a)**.

**What's the Punishment?:** The Honorable Judge Darrel J. Papillion sentenced Mr. Simpson to a term of **48 months of imprisonment** and 3 years of supervised release.

### This Week's Other Matter

#### U.S. V. GAINES, 24-CR-212

**Charge:** Theft of Government Funds  
(18 U.S.C. § 641)

**Sentence:** **24 months of probation.** Defendant also ordered to pay **restitution in the amount of \$49,232.40.**

**Judge:** Honorable Barry W. Ashe

### WHAT'S THAT STATUTE?

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- [18 U.S.C. § 641](#)
- [18 U.S.C. § 2113](#)



### Did You Know?

From **2000 and 2024**, the Federal Government has reported between **1,200 and 1,500 criminal cases annually involving robbery**. These cases included taking property from financial institutions, post offices, carjacking and other related offenses. The majority of robbery charges (**over 60%**) **involved the use or brandishing of a firearm or dangerous weapon**. Approximately **20% of these cases involved a victim that was abducted or physically restrained**. According to the United States Sentencing Commission ("USSC"), the **median loss associated with these robberies was a little above \$2,000.00**. **Less than 10%** of the convictions **were associated with losses exceeding \$95,000**.

**Over 90% of those convicted of robberies were male**, and the **average age was 33**. The USSC also reported that these **convictions were most likely to occur in districts in New York, Florida, Pennsylvania, and Texas**.

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