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RI man convicted in bank robbery

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The Rhode Island man dubbed “The Teardrop Bandit” by the media was convicted in Norfolk Superior Court today for robbing a Foxborough bank in February 2005.

A Norfolk Superior Court jury deliberated roughly 5 hours over two days following the two-day trial of Robert J. Chadronet before finding him guilty of unarmed robbery a felony carrying a potential sentence of life in prison or any term of years, District Attorney William Keating said.

The facts presented to the jury in the Foxborough case were that on February 24, 2005, Robert Chadronet walked into the Bank North in Foxborough. He proceeded to a teller's window. At the window was a pregnant teller who testified that a man came to her window shaking and wearing gloves after a brief conversation he handed her a note saying: “put \$3,000.00 in large bills. Do it quietly and put it in an envelope”. It also said he had a weapon under his jacket. When Robert Chadronet left the bank the teller pushed the alarm. She later told the police that the robber had olive skin and he had a teardrop under his left eye and that it looked smudged.

“Chadronet still stands indicted for armed robberies in Sharon, Needham and Franklin, but those cases will be tried later,” District Attorney Keating said. The Court ruled that the cases should be tried separately.. “He remains legally innocent of those crimes until proven guilty, today's verdict notwithstanding.”

Keating also credited strong cooperation between police in Foxborough, Needham, Sharon and Franklin for making this case come together. “This was an outstanding effort of cooperation and those departments deserve great credit here.”

Judge Kenneth Fishman will sentence Chadronet on September 9, 2008 in Norfolk Superior Court. He will be held without bail until that date.

Any and all defendants mentioned are legally innocent until proven guilty.