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Hawkins Enters Innocent Plea

MEMPHIS (AP) — Joe Daniel Hawkins of Jackson, Miss., entered an innocent plea here Friday to charges he robbed a Memphis branch bank of over \$26,000 on June 11.

After the plea, U. S. District Court Judge Bailey Brown upped Hawkin's bond from \$15,000 to \$50,000, and set trial for Oct. 7.

Hawkins' attorney, L. Percy Quinn of Laurel, Miss., argued for a lower bond while Asst. U. S. Atty. Henry Klein asked that bond for Hawkins be raised to \$75,000.

FBI Agent James Stockton testified that Hawkins, 24, has several other charges pending against him in Mississippi, including a state charge of illegal possession of explosives.

Hawkins was acquitted in Jackson Miss., in August on a second state charge of illegal possession of explosives.

Stockton said Hawkins is also charged with assaulting a federal officer during a confrontation with FBI agents in Jackson in 1967 shortly after a synagogue was bombed.

The FBI, Stockton said, is continuing a search for a second man in the Memphis bank robbery.

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