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‘Purse Packing Bandit’ Pleads

The so-called “Purse Packing Bandit” charged with robbing nine banks and attempting to rob two other banks pleaded today just as prosecutors rested their case in a week-long trial, the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office announced today.

Brianna Kloutse, 47, pleaded no contest to all 11 felony charges in case BA428673, said Deputy District Attorney Scott Dominguez, who is prosecuting the case. She faces 14 years, four months in state prison when she returns on June 30 to the Burbank branch court, Department G. She remains in custody.

Her plea before Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Michael Carter occurred following the testimony of 11 bank tellers.

Prosecutors said Kloutse often wore a wig, handed a teller a demand note and either flashed what appeared to be a handgun or indicated she had one in her purse. Kloutse was charged with robbing nine banks in Beverly Hills, Los Angeles and West Hollywood since October 2012. She also was charged in connection with two attempted robberies in December 2012 and March 2014.

Kloutse was arrested on Aug. 22, 2014 fleeing a Beverly Hills bank robbery in the 8400 block of Wilshire Boulevard.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department’s Robbery-Homicide Division, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Major Crimes Bureau, the Beverly Hills Police Department and the FBI.

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