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First Security Bank of Owensboro, KY today announced the naming of Robert Whitaker and Bruce Sook as new additions to the company. Robert has been named A.V.P. and Commercial Lender and Bruce was named Mortgage Originator for the Owensboro market.

Robert Whitaker has 14 years in banking, most of which was spent in the Owensboro market. He was formerly a commercial lender for Independence Bank in Owensboro and prior to that a Business Banking Officer with National City Bank.

Robert holds a B.S. degree in Physical Education from Western Kentucky University. Active in community affairs, Robert has held various positions with the Owensboro Chamber, Emerge Owensboro and the March of Dimes. He is also Chairperson of Settle Memorial United Methodist Stewardship Committee.

Bruce Sook has 21 years in the mortgage banking business. His previous employment was as a loan officer for Old National Bank in Owensboro for the past four years where Bruce was consistently named as one of the top producers in the company.

Bruce is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and holds a B.A. in Psychology and Business Administration. Also active in civic affairs, Bruce held a board position with CareNet and also served as a Match Supervisor for Mentor Kids, KY.

John Edge, President of the Owensboro market stated "Both Robert and Bruce bring a wealth of knowledge in the banking industry to our company. They will be invaluable assets to us as we continue our growth strategy."

First Security Bank is headquartered in Owensboro, KY with offices in Bowling Green, Franklin, and Lexington, KY as well as Newburgh and Evansville, IN.