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**CRAIG NELSON JOINS
FIRST UNITED SECURITY BANK**

THOMASVILLE, AL – Craig Nelson has recently joined the senior management team of First United Security Bank, as Executive Vice President, Chief Credit Officer. Craig has extensive experience in overall credit administration, executive bank management, senior lending in commercial and small business, and workout and problem loan management.

Craig brings over 25 years of banking experience having worked with both large regional banks such as Regions Bank where he worked for 16 years, including 11 in the Birmingham market. He has been involved in service to community banks where he most recently worked with Red Mountain Bank. He also provided leadership at M & F Bank of Mississippi, as well as the now merged First National Bank of Shelby County, where he served as Chief Credit Officer and then as its President until its merger.

According to President/CEO Terry Phillips, Craig comes with strong expertise in his field. “I have known Craig for many years and have had the opportunity to observe first hand his in depth knowledge of bank credit and commercial loan management,” Phillips said. “We are very fortunate to have someone with his experience join our organization.”

“I am aware of First United Security Bank’s proud tradition of excellent service to its customers and the communities it is located in and its continued strong commitment to its shareholders. I am proud and honored to join this banking family and glad to be involved as a member of this service oriented community bank”, Nelson said.

Nelson is a seasoned banking professional with a degree from the University of North Dakota (B.S., 1979) and the LSU Graduate School of Banking (2000). Married to his wife, Elizabeth for 26 years, they are parents to two daughters (Emily Joy, 8 and Abby Beth, 5).

Established in 1952, First United Security Bank serves it's customers through it's 19 offices in Brent, Butler, Calera, Centreville, Coffeerville, Columbiana, Fulton, Gilbertown, Grove Hill, Harpersville, Jackson, McCalla, Thomasville, Tuscaloosa and Woodstock. The bank holds more than \$677 million in assets, is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and is an Equal Housing Lender. For more information, visit the bank's website at:

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