

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: September 27, 2011

For further information, please contact M. Lynn Cooper at 270-663-4678 or LCooper@FirstSecurity.net

First Security Bank of Owensboro, KY announced the recent appointment of **Ryan M. Cooper as Assistant Vice President, Commercial Lending**. Ryan will serve in the Lexington, Kentucky Market.

Mr. Cooper was formerly a Commercial Loan Officer with Peoples Exchange Bank in Winchester, Kentucky. He has served in banking in excess of 9 years in the Lexington market. Ryan received his Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of Kentucky. He has also completed Commercial Lending School with the Kentucky Banker's Association. His former employers include First Federal Bank, Community Trust Bank, and BB&T.

Ryan currently resides in Lexington with his wife Brooke and daughter, Stella.

First Security is a \$370 Million asset bank with offices in Owensboro, Bowling Green and Franklin, KY as well as Evansville, IN and recently announced expansion into the Lexington, KY market.