


HOWE BARNES IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE  
OUR RECENT ADVISORY TRANSACTION


Howe Barnes acted as financial advisor to  
Guaranty Financial Services, Inc. in this  
transaction.

Guaranty Financial Services, Inc.  
holding company for



*has signed a definitive  
agreement to merge with*

First Sentry Bancshares, Inc.  
holding company for



**First Sentry Bank**  
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Guaranty Financial Services, Inc., of Huntington, West Virginia has signed a definitive agreement to merge with First Sentry Bancshares, Inc., of Huntington, West Virginia. Under the terms of the agreement, First Sentry Bancshares will issue 1.176 shares of First Sentry Bancshares stock for each outstanding share of Guaranty Bancshares stock.

After the transaction is completed, First Sentry Bancshares will have total assets of approximately \$434 million and will have a total of five locations. First Sentry Bancshares will be ranked number 1 in deposits in Cabell County and will be ranked number 5 in deposits in Lincoln County.

The acquisition is expected to close in the first quarter of 2009, subject to stockholder and regulatory approvals.

**Financial Highlights**

	<u>Guaranty</u>	<u>First Sentry</u>
Total Assets (\$000)	\$138,377	\$296,033
Total Equity (\$000)	\$9,051	\$18,030
Equity/Assets	6.54%	6.09%
YTD ROA	0.27%	0.72%
YTD ROA	4.09%	11.84%

\*Financials as of 6/30/08

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