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Robber Sentenced to 20 Years in Prison

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Bryan, TX — Anthony Michael Serna was convicted Thursday of Robbery and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

On December 23, 2015, Bryan Police Department officers were sent to the Target in Bryan in reference to a robbery in progress. A Target Loss Prevention Officer reported that Serna had been seen stealing three PlayStation games and concealing them in his pants.

Serna then exited the store with the games hidden in his pants, passing all the registers without paying for the \$59.97 worth of merchandise. A Loss Prevention Officer employed by Target confronted Serna outside the store, at which point Serna attempted to flee the scene.

The Loss Prevention Officer gave chase, and eventually caught up to Serna. Serna then pulled a box-cutter from his pants' pocket and threatened the Loss Prevention Officer. Fearing Serna would cut him, the Loss Prevention Officer allowed Serna to escape.

On December 29, 2015, a Detective from Bryan Police Department obtained a still photo from the Target surveillance video of the robbery. After showing it to other BPD officers, the photo was identified as Serna. The Detective pulled Serna's prior mug shot from police records and compared it to the still photograph from the video. The photographs clearly depicted the same individual.

Later that day, BPD Detectives went to Serna's house where he invited them in to talk. Before they could ask him questions, Serna blurted out "If you are going to take me to jail, just go ahead and do it!" Detectives then confronted Serna about the robbery and he admitted stealing the property and threatening the Loss Prevention Officer with a box-cutter.





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Serna had been previously convicted of Robbery in Robertson County in 2010 and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

“When someone is going to continue to use violence to steal from businesses in our community that is going to warrant a strong response from law enforcement.”

- R. Clay Kimbrough, Assistant District Attorney

