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## **Man Sentenced to 40 Years Prison for Robbery of Pepe's Restaurant March 11, 2015**

Brandon Moore, 28, was convicted of Aggravated Robbery today and sentenced to 40 years in prison by a Brazos County Jury. The jury was asked to assess Moore's punishment after he pled guilty at the beginning of trial to robbing Pepe's Restaurant at gunpoint on December 19, 2013. The jury reached their verdict after deliberating for approximately three hours. In addition, the jury assessed a fine in the amount of \$5,000.

Moore was arrested on January 7, 2014, in Washington County. On January 5, 2014, the Oaks Food Mart on 29th Street and the Ready 2 Go convenience store on South College were also robbed at gunpoint. Assistant District Attorneys Kara Comte and Jennifer Hebert presented evidence to the jury that Moore committed both of those robberies as well. The jury considered Moore's role in those cases during their deliberations.

Prosecutors also produced evidence that Moore had previously been to prison in 2012 for Assault Family Violence with Prior Convictions. Moore testified during the trial and admitted his involvement in the Pepe's robbery. Moore will have to serve half of his sentence before becoming eligible for parole.

**“A person who threatens someone else to steal from them deserves to go to prison. The jury's verdict reinforces that message and tells the rest of the community that they will not tolerate violence against our citizens. The safety of our community is most important and we will continue to hold accountable those who place our citizens in danger.” -- Kara Comte, Assistant District Attorney**

