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Defendant Sentenced to 58 Years for Aggravated Robbery November 22, 2017

Bryan, TX – Judge Kyle Hawthorne, 85th District Court, sentenced Brodniey Ray, 27, to 58 years in prison for his role in threatening two women with a gun and taking their belongings as well as cash from the business they were working in at the time.

On September 19, 2015, Ray and an unknown male burst into an insurance company with a gun and threatened the two women working in the business. The women complied with Ray's demands and the two men were able to get away with a purse that contained the cash deposits from the business as well as one of the victim's cell phones.

One witness gave a description of the getaway vehicle which led police to suspect Ray.

Officers with the Bryan Police Department were able to ping the victim's missing cell phone to get it's last known location. That ping showed that the phone was near Smetana about an hour after the robbery.

Officers were also able to determine the defendant was in the same area at the same time of the ping after they received cell phone records from the defendant's cell phone provider.

Ray has previously been to prison on two separate occasions which enhanced his punishment range to a minimum of 25 years in prison.

Due to the fact a gun was used, Ray will have to serve one-half of his time in prison before becoming eligible for parole consideration.

Assistant District Attorneys John Brick & Philip McLemore prosecuted the case on behalf of the State of Texas.

