



PRESS RELEASE

Bank Robber Sentenced to 30 years in Prison December 4, 2020

Bryan, TX – Deshaun Winbush, 36, of Houston, Texas was sentenced to 30 years in prison on four counts of Aggravated Robbery. The robbery occurred in 2016 at the former Commerce National Bank on University Drive.

On June 16, 2016, College Station Police Department officers responded to a frantic 911 call from bank employees at 9:26am. Moments earlier the defendant walked into the bank under the guise of opening an account. When bank employees began to help this perceived customer a second defendant, Damien Gore, entered the bank wearing a face mask and brandishing a gun. The two men demanded that all bank employees move to the middle of the lobby while threatening to kill them. It was then that the defendant forced the branch manager into the vault at gunpoint and demanded the money from the vault be placed in their bag. The men took an employee's purse and another's wallet as they fled the bank in an awaiting getaway car. The getaway driver dropped the two men off at Winbush's car which was parked nearby.

The getaway driver and another lookout were apprehended by the College Station Police Department and Brazos County Constables office. However, both Winbush and Gore fled the area and returned to Houston. Subsequent interviews of the two drivers produced evidence connecting Gore and Winbush as the men who entered the bank.

This case was investigated by the College Station Police Department and the FBI. A team of Brazos County prosecutors helped hold Mr. Winbush accountable. Defendant Damien Gore was previously sentenced to 40 years in prison. The other two remaining defendants are awaiting trial.

“Defendants entering our community for the sole purpose of committing violent crimes will not be tolerated. This was a harrowing experience for bank employees. The coordinated efforts of local law enforcement helped hold all four co-defendant's accountable.”

- Kristin Burns and Ashley Martin, Assistant District Attorneys

