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## Man Sentenced to 40 Years for Aggravated Robbery April 6, 2021

Bryan, TX – On Tuesday, April 6, 2021, Judge Hawthorne sentenced Hakeem Rollins to 40 years in prison for Aggravated Robbery.

On Thursday October 11, 2018, College Station Police Officers investigated a report of Aggravated Robbery. The victim reported that while he was in his vehicle a man, later identified as Rollins, approached in all black clothing and forced his way into the victim's car. The victim stated that he believed he was going to lose his life as Rollins pointed a gun to his head and demanded his belongings.

Officers located Rollins in an apartment in College Station. Inside the apartment, Officers found the victim's stolen property and a loaded firearm underneath the mattress where Rollins was found sleeping. Following an investigation, officers determined that Rollins had planned the robbery and lured the victim into the location where he demanded the victim's property at gun point.

The court learned that Rollins has a previous conviction for Burglary of a Habitation in Cherokee County, TX where he was sentenced to seven years in prison. The court also heard that the defendant previously pled guilty to additional charges of Aggravated Robbery and Burglary of Habitation. Rollins was on parole for his seven-year prison sentence when he committed this offense. Because of his prior criminal history, the defendant's punishment range anywhere between 15 years in prison up to Life In Prison.

Investigator Dennis Thane and Victim Assistance Coordinator Mandie James were instrumental in the preparation of this case. Assistant District Attorneys Amy Eades and Brian Price prosecuted the case on behalf of the State of Texas.

**Thanks to the hard work of the College Station Police Department and Jacksonville Police Department, our communities will be safe from this defendant's acts of senseless violence. This sentence acknowledges the dangerousness of the defendant's actions and the extreme importance of ensuring that the people who live in this community can enjoy it without fear.**

**- Amy Eades and Brian Price, Assistant District Attorneys**

