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Armed Convenience Store Robber Sentenced to 35 Years in Prison October 16, 2014

On Thursday, October 16, 2014, Karvin Steptoe, 23, of Navasota, pled guilty to three counts of Aggravated Robbery with a firearm and one count of Evading Arrest in a Vehicle. Steptoe was sentenced by the Honorable Judge J.D. Langley to thirty-five years in prison pursuant to a plea agreement.

Steptoe and his co-defendant Kesnick Jones, 21, of Navasota committed two armed robberies in College Station. The first armed robbery was on July 8th at the Checkers Convenience Store and the second was on July 10th, 2013, at the Max Food Mart on Southwest Parkway.

On July 8th, 2013, Steptoe and Jones entered the Checkers Store with a silver handgun. Jones held the firearm while Steptoe began taking cash from the register. While doing this, Steptoe punched a clerk in the face, and Jones robbed a customer of cash at gunpoint.

On July 10th, 2013, Steptoe and Jones drove to a Shell Station in College Station. Steptoe entered with a silver handgun and robbed the store of \$116, eleven packs of New Port cigarettes, and the clerk's wallet and cell phone. While robbing the store, Steptoe fired the handgun into the ceiling in the direction of the surveillance camera.

CSPD officers were on scene promptly and Steptoe fled in his vehicle. He was caught at his home in Navasota. Jones fled on foot and was caught at a nearby apartment complex. Jones pled guilty to his involvement in the robberies on April 30, 2014. Neither defendant had any prior felony arrests or convictions.





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“Anyone that threatens the lives of people in this community at gunpoint must go to prison.”

- John Brick, Assistant District Attorney

