



PRESS RELEASE

Convicted Felon Sentenced to Prison for Possessing and Threatening with a Firearm

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Cedric Henderson, 26, of Bryan, pled guilty yesterday to Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon. Henderson was sentenced to 20 years in prison on the weapon charge and 10 years in prison on the Aggravated Assault charge, which will run concurrently. In Texas, a convicted felon cannot possess a firearm outside his or her home.

Henderson's conviction arose after the Bryan Police Department received an emergency call involving a disturbance with a weapon on May 27, 2014. Officers responded to the scene and learned Henderson had pulled out a semiautomatic handgun, pointed it at the victim, and threatened to shoot him. Henderson's threat was thwarted when his weapon malfunctioned. Henderson then pointed the gun at the victim's house and stated, "This isn't over." He then fled the scene with others in a gray Toyota. Shortly thereafter, officers were able to stop the gray Toyota in a convenience store parking lot and safely remove all the occupants. The semiautomatic handgun described by the victims was in the seat where Henderson was sitting. Henderson later admitted the firearm was his and acknowledged his criminal liability as he sighed, "I'm dead." Henderson was previously sentenced to prison in 2008 for Burglary of a Habitation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys R. Clay Kimbrough and Ryan Calvert.

"The defendant threatened to shoot someone with a firearm that he should never have possessed. When he did so, he earned a lengthy prison sentence." — R. Clay Kimbrough, Assistant District Attorney

