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Judge Sentences Repeat Thief to 19 Months in State Jail

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Bryan, TX – On Tuesday, Judge Kyle Hawthorne sentenced Kenneth Jackson, II, 35, to nineteen months in state jail for Theft with Prior Convictions.

On June 10, 2016, the store manager at GameStop reported a theft of a gaming console. Surveillance video showed Jackson walk behind the counter, take the console, and exit the store while the manager was retrieving a headset requested by the defendant .

An investigation conducted by the College Station Police Department was able to match the serial number of the console with a console pawned at Cash America Pawn. Surveillance video from Cash America Pawn showed Jackson enter the pawn shop with the console approximately an hour after stealing it from GameStop.

Jackson was set for a jury trial on Monday, but pled guilty before jury selection began. He requested that his punishment be assessed by Judge Hawthorne of the 85th District Court.

At the punishment hearing, the GameStop store manager testified that Jackson told him that he wanted a PlayStation 4 because it was his son’s birthday. Jackson later testified that he had no children and entered the store with the intent to commit theft.

The court also heard testimony from the investigating detective who explained that when he spoke with Jackson about the theft, he repeatedly denied stealing the console or being in the pawn store that afternoon.

Jackson has six prior convictions for theft from Harris and Fort Bend counties, and a prior conviction for Assault Family Violence from Bexar county. Prosecutors presented evidence that Jackson received probation in Harris county for his first theft charge, but that probation was revoked. Jackson requested the court sentence him to probation in this case.

Theft with Prior Convictions is a State Jail Felony with a punishment range of six to twenty-four months in state jail. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Charles Falck and Hilary Sanchez.

“This defendant refused to respect the property rights of others, and his continued criminal conduct warranted the sentence in this case.” — Charles Falck, Assistant District Attorney

