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## Man Receives 30 Year Sentence for Robbing Elderly Woman

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Bryan, TX – Jaquarius Neal, 22, of Bryan, was sentenced to 30 years in prison today for robbing an elderly woman on her way to church in January of 2013. Neal pled guilty to the charge of Aggravated Robbery in the 361<sup>st</sup> District Court shortly before his trial was scheduled to begin.

On January 27, 2013, the victim, who was 95 years old, parked her car across the street from the First United Methodist Church in Bryan. As she walked toward the church, Neal approached her from behind and grabbed her purse. As Neal took her purse away, the victim fell to the ground and fractured her hip. Minutes later, Neal was located by Bryan police officers several blocks away from the robbery. In his pocket, Neal had cash in an amount like that which had been in the victim's purse. In between the scene of the robbery and where Neal was found, officers discovered the victim's purse on top of a car port. Police also found the victim's wallet and keys in a trash can, along with a shirt that contained Neal's DNA. Neal was on probation at the time of the robbery for a 2011 Burglary of a Habitation. In addition to the 30-year sentence on the Robbery, Neal was sentenced to 10 years in prison for violating his probation. Those sentences will run concurrently.

In addition, Neal pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of Burglary of a Motor Vehicle that had occurred minutes before he committed the Robbery. Although no weapon was used, the law allowed prosecutors to charge Neal with Aggravated Robbery because the victim was over 65 years of age. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Ryan Calvert and R. Clay Kimbrough.

**“The most vulnerable members of our community deserve the most protection. Anyone who targets an elderly person can expect to pay a heavy price.” - Ryan Calvert**

