



PRESS RELEASE

Convenience Store Robber Sentenced to 27 Years in Prison

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On March 23, 2015, Anthony Reed pled guilty to the Aggravated Robbery at the Handi Stop convenience store and was sentenced to 27 years in prison. The defendant was one of three men who robbed the Handi Stop convenience store in Bryan on July 31, 2013. The two co-defendants had previously entered pleas of guilty. Michael Bradford was sentenced to 20 years in prison, and Charles Hawkins received a 25-year prison sentence.

The three men entered the Handi Stop just after 1pm on July 31, 2013. Hawkins and Reed then threatened the clerk at gun point. The men then made off with approximately \$300 in cash along with several lottery tickets. A passerby saw the men running from the convenience store and photographed them, as well as the vehicle they were driving. The passerby then gave those photographs to the Bryan Police Department after they responded to the robbery. Another bystander attempted to follow the suspect vehicle to report its location to the police. Michael Bradford was stopped while driving the suspect vehicle approximately one hour after the robbery. Several scratch off lottery tickets, some of which had been stolen in the robbery, were in the vehicle. The arrest of Bradford led police to a location where several articles of clothing worn during the robbery were located. DNA belonging to all three men was found on the clothing. The victim of the offense expressed satisfaction in the sentences handed down in this case. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys John Brick and Kevin Capps. Capps said, "We would like to thank the Bryan Police Department for their excellent work which allowed us to put all three of these men behind bars. Prison is the only appropriate response for these acts of violence," John Brick added.

"Anyone who would threaten to kill in order to get property simply cannot walk free in our community."—John Brick and Kevin Capps, Assistant District Attorneys

