



PRESS RELEASE

25 Year Prison Sentence in Robbery

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Bryan, TX – William Boone, 50, of Bryan, was sentenced to 25 years in prison yesterday after pleading guilty to Robbery.

On September 17, 2016, Boone was in the Walgreen's Pharmacy on 29th St. in Bryan. When a cashier opened a register to make change, Boone went behind the counter and grabbed cash out of the drawer. Another Walgreen's employee and several pharmacy customers stepped in to try and stop Boone and a struggle ensued. During the struggle, two Walgreen's employees suffered minor injuries.

Boone was able to take \$45 and fled the store. Less than an hour later, Bryan Police Officers found Boone at another convenience store on William J. Bryan. When contacted by police, Boone still had the money he took from the Walgreen's cash register.

Boone has an extensive criminal history and has spent most of the last two decades incarcerated. Boone first went to prison in 1984 on a three-year sentence for four counts of forgery in Polk County, Texas. In 1986, Boone was convicted in Polk County of two Burglaries and sentenced to 10 years in prison. Boone was released early on parole and in 1990, Boone was again convicted in Polk County of Burglary. Boone received a 20-year sentence for that conviction. Boone also has convictions for Theft in Polk and Harris Counties and another Polk County conviction for a drug offense.

Boone did not use a weapon in the Walgreen's robbery. However, under Texas law, once Boone used force against Walgreen's employees and customers who were trying to stop him, the offense became a robbery rather than a simple Theft.

“A long prison sentence was the only responsible option for a career-criminal who used physical violence to steal from honest citizens in our community.” - Ryan Calvert, Assistant District Attorney

