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Press Release - For Immediate Release First Probation Violation

Defendant's Name: Deshaun Triplet
Age: 18
Residence: Sioux City, IA
Criminal File Number: 14-269
Date of Offense: June 28, 2014
Indictment Date: July 16, 2014
Arraignment Date: July 21, 2014
Change of Plea Date: September 29, 2014
Date of Sentence: November 24, 2014
Suspended Imposition: Count 4) 2nd Degree Robbery (F4) 22-30-7
Arresting Officer: Deputy Mike Bucholz – Union County Sheriff's Office
SA Brian Schnabel – South Dakota Division of Criminal Justice
Defense Attorney: Maggie Gillespie

1st Probation Violation: 1) Triplet admitted on 2/4/16 to daily use of K2 for months while on probation;
2) Triplet tested positive for marijuana on October 22, 2015;
3) Since 10/22/2015 Triplet has failed to attend his addiction classes as required;
4) Triplet tested positive for methamphetamine on June 10, 2015;
5) Triplet stopped attending addiction classes since June 9, 2015;
6) Triplet was found with K2 and alcohol on February 2, 2015;
Violation Disposition Date: May 9, 2016
Defense Attorney: Andrew Twinamatsiko

Case Synopsis:

On June 28, 2014 it was reported that five individuals forced themselves into the apartment of the victim, who is a father and lives with his two children. Each of the five individuals had a mask over their face from the nose down. One or more of the five individuals held the victim up against the wall while others secured the doorway and others searched the residence for valuables. The victim described most of the individuals as being young, and the victim was able to identify the vehicle that they left with.

The investigations into this matter identified all five of the individuals that participated in the following offenses:

Ct 1: 2nd Degree Kidnapping	F3 (For the victim - father)
Ct 2: 2nd Degree Kidnapping	F3 (For the victim's minor son)
Ct 3: 2nd Degree Kidnapping	F3 (For the victim's minor daughter)
Ct 4: 2nd Degree Robbery	F4
Ct 5: 2nd Degree Burglary	F3

The investigation identified that Austin Case had some illegal dealings with the victim's adult son who does not live with the victim in this case. The victim's son apparently stole money from Austin Case in a failed drug transaction in Woodbury County Iowa. Case knew this and made several threatening statements to the person who had ripped him off and indicated that his father would suffer if he was not reimbursed the money that he was out. Case's threats were ignored and therefore, Case and his group, which included Deshaun Triplett, made good on Case's threats against the father.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On count four, 2nd Degree Robbery, Deshaun Triplett admitted to completing the offense on November 29, 2014. During the sentencing hearing phase of this file, the Court granted Deshaun Triplett a suspended imposition of sentence. Under this legal process, if Deshaun Triplett satisfies the terms and conditions of supervised probation the court will seal Deshaun Triplett's criminal file on this charge.

Probation Violation Disposition:

On May 9, 2016 the Court revoked DeShaun Triplett's suspended imposition of sentence and resentenced Tripplett to the South Dakota State Penitentiary for ten years. The Court then suspended seven and half years of the ten year sentence. The court further gave Triplett Eight-One days credit on his penitentiary sentence. The Court further ordered that Triplet pay all his monetary obligations as part of his suspended sentence. Triplett was taken into custody to be taken to the penitentiary.

Criminal History Synopsis:

This is DeShaun Triplett's first probation violation on his first felony offense. As stated above, Triplett facilitated a 2nd Degree Robbery to support his position and power in dealing drugs in the tri-state area.