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***JEFFERY FITZGERALD CLEMONS SENTENCED TO SERVE 15 YEARS IN PRISON
IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEGOTIATED GUILTY PLEA TO ARMED ROBBERY***

On September 9, 2021, at the Calendar Call for jury trials scheduled before Judge Bill Hamrick for the week of September 27, 2021, Jeffery Fitzgerald Clemons, 57, pleaded guilty to two counts of Armed Robbery, two counts of Possession of a Firearm During Commission of a Felony, and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. In accordance with a negotiated plea agreement, Coweta Judicial Circuit Superior Court Judge Bill Hamrick sentenced Clemons to 30 years, with the first 15 years to be served in prison. As a result of the Armed Robbery charge, Clemons will not be eligible for parole until he has served the first 10 years of his sentence.

Assistant District Attorney Lara Myers prosecuted the case. Sgt. Shane Spradlin of the Carroll County Sheriff's Office was the lead investigator.

The charges arose from an incident which occurred on September 3, 2019, when deputies were dispatched to the Raceway gas station on Old Airport Road in reference to a robbery which had already occurred. Once on scene deputies made contact with two female clerks who advised that an older male had come into the gas station, produced a handgun, and demanded the cash from their registers. The male then ordered them to another area in the Raceway and left the scene. Investigators were able to identify the vehicle that dropped the male off, and were able to identify the gunman as, Jeffery Fitzgerald Clemons, based on store surveillance video. Investigators were also able to identify the driver, and on September 6, 2019, the suspect vehicle was stopped while being driven by the same driver and while Jeffery Clemons was again riding in the passenger seat. Inside the vehicle, officers located two black face masks and a handgun, which matched the description given by the store clerks. In an interview with law enforcement, Clemons admitted his involvement. The driver was killed in an unrelated incident in June 2021.

I commend the Carroll County Sheriff's Office for their quick response to these victims and their great effort to hold these armed robbers accountable. The victims in this case were traumatized with the threat of being shot while they were simply trying to make a living. In contrast, these defendants chose to victimize the innocent rather than get a job. For choosing violence and crime over being a hardworking responsible citizen, it is appropriate that Defendant Clemons be removed from our community for the next fifteen years.

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