

Man Sentenced to Fifteen Years in Prison for Robbery and Kidnapping

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James Shell, 29, of Germantown, pled guilty today to two counts of robbery, felonies of the 2nd degree, and two counts of kidnapping, felonies of the 1st degree. On June 24, 2016, Shell and his co-defendant entered a Verizon store in Germantown and brandished a toy gun. They then assaulted the clerk, tied him up in the rear bathroom, and stole 30 cell phones, iPads, and other electronic equipment. Subsequently, on July 3, 2016, the pair robbed a Verizon store in Deerfield Township, again brandishing a toy gun, assaulting the clerk, tying him up with a power cord in the rear bathroom, and stealing cash, 14 cell phones, and other electronic devices. Shell was identified from video surveillance at the stores and confessed to the crimes.

The Warren County Common Pleas Court accepted an agreement between the Warren County Prosecutor's Office and the defendant for the defendant to serve 15 years in prison and pay over \$20,000 in restitution back to the stores.

Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell commended the investigation efforts of Detective Jay Henning, Detective Jerry Niffenegger, and Deputy Andrew Grossenbaugh of the Warren County Sheriff's Office, as well as Major Matt Burns, Detective Robert Johnson, and Detective Ryan Sarver of the Germantown Police Department. He also recognized Assistant Prosecutor Carrie Heisele, Victim Witness Coordinator Melissa Kennard, Investigator Tim Shaffner, and Legal Assistant Tonya Colwell for their hard work on the case.



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