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On Friday, December 5, 2014, 15th District Court Judge Jim Fallon sentence Robert Thomas Alguire, 26, of Anna, to 30 years in prison for a charge of Aggravated Robbery. The sentence came after Alguire pled guilty to the offense and asked the judge to set his punishment. In exchange for his guilty plea, the Grayson County District Attorney's Office agreed to limit the maximum sentence Alguire could receive to 30 years in prison.

On July 23, 2014, at 2:45 a.m., two men wearing bandanas over their faces rushed into the Best Western hotel in Denison, jumped over the counter and pulled the night clerk into a back room. The men bound the clerk with tape and forced him to turn over money from the business and took his personal belongings. The men used a stun gun to shock the clerk and threatened him with a hammer. The men ultimately left with between \$300 and \$400. The clerk was able to free himself and call police.

The clerk told police that he recognized the voice and mannerisms of both of the suspects as men who had previously worked for the hotel. The clerk identified the men as Robert Alguire and a man he knew as "Brad", who he knew worked at a restaurant in McKinney. After confirming the clerk's account by watching the hotel security tape, investigators went to the McKinney restaurant the next day and identified the man as Bradley Ryan Robinson, 22. When police interviewed Robinson, he admitted to the robbery and confirmed that Robert Alguire was the other person who had committed the robbery. Officers soon found Alguire, who also admitted to the offense, telling investigators that the pair had committed the robbery while high on narcotics and for the purpose of obtaining more drug money.

"Drugs ruin lives," said Grayson County District Attorney Joe Brown. "This clerk could have been hurt or killed, and I know that he was traumatized by the events. Now this young man has lost many years of his life, and he has a child who will not have a father. It is just a shame."

Brown praised the work of the Denison Police Department in the case. "The Denison police worked quickly and did a fine job solving this case. The suspects didn't make it too hard, though – robbing a place where they were both known. Drugs also make you do stupid things."

The case was investigated by Denison officer Victoria Giovaniello, Detective Tim Murrin, Lieutenant Jeff Camp, and Sgt. Clayton Pyles. First Assistant District Attorney Kerye Ashmore prosecuted the case. Alguire was represented by Sherman Attorney T. Scott Smith. Charges against Bradley Robinson are still pending.

Alguire will be eligible for parole after serving 15 years in prison.