



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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On 4-16-2015, Rodney William Reeves, 40, of Denison, was sentenced to 20 years in prison on one count of Aggravated Robbery and 2 years in a state jail facility for Theft of Property With 2 Or More Prior Convictions. Reeves' sentence was handed down 15<sup>th</sup> District Court Jim Fallon pursuant to an agreement Reeves reached with the Grayson County District Attorney's Office.

On June 11, 2014 at 5:00 am, Denison police responded to the Walmart in Denison after store employees reported that a man had fled with merchandise and had threatened employees while escaping. Two employees told officers that a man had run out of store carrying a box in a manner that made the employees believe the man had not paid for the item. One of the employees followed the man and attempted to detain him as he entered his vehicle. The man resisted and the employee backed away from the car. The man drove the vehicle toward both Walmart employees, placing them in fear of being struck, before the vehicle sped away. A short time later, police received a call of a disabled vehicle at Crawford and US Hwy 75 and a suspicious individual asking for rides from motorist. Responding officers found an abandoned vehicle, ultimately traced to Rodney Reeves, which had a flat tire and damaged wheel from apparently striking a curb. The vehicle had an unopened computer box which matched the property stolen from Walmart.

Officers reviewed surveillance video from Walmart and determined that the suspect matched Reeves appearance. Upon being located by officers, Reeves confessed that he was on parole and had gotten high on Methamphetamine and prescription medication and stole the computer to sell for money to buy drugs. Reeves had previously been sentenced to probation on several occasions and prison terms twice before on multiple charges involving theft, drug possession, and possession of a firearm by a felon.

"This man just continued to reoffend," said Grayson County District Attorney Joe Brown. "I am sure his history is related directly to drug addiction, but there comes a point where the chances are over. There are lots of resources and opportunities for people to recover from addiction, but if a person chooses not to take advantage of those opportunities, and then hurts or threaten others, prison is what we have left."

Reeves received a two year sentence for a theft offense from May of 2014 after Sherman police arrested him after Hastings employees identified him in a string of incidents in which he had returned DVD's to the store for cash refunds and the items turned out to have been previously stolen.

Reeves will be eligible for parole after serving 10 years of his sentence. Assistant District Attorney Bi Hunt prosecuted the cases. Reeves was represented by Sherman attorney Pamela McGraw.