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20 YEAR SENTENCE FOR SPARTANBURG MAN WHO COMMITTED STRING OF CRIMES

A Spartanburg man has been sentenced to twenty (20) years in prison for two (2) counts of Armed Robbery, four (4) counts of Attempted Murder, and Carjacking. He was also sentenced to fifteen (15) years in prison for five (5) counts of Burglary in the Second Degree Violent, ten (10) years in prison for Discharging a Firearm Into a Dwelling and Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, and five (5) years in prison for Grand Larceny and three (3) counts of Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime. He was also sentenced to thirty (30) days in prison for two (2) counts of Malicious Injury to Personal Property and one (1) count of Malicious Injury to Real Property. All of his sentences shall be served concurrently.

NyJawon Williams, 18, pleaded guilty on Thursday in Spartanburg to two counts of Armed Robbery, four counts of Attempted Murder, five counts of Burglary in the Second Degree Violent, three counts of Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime, two counts of Malicious Injury to Personal Property, Discharging a Firearm Into a Dwelling, Carjacking, Possession of Stolen Vehicle with a value in excess of \$10,000 dollars, Grand Larceny, and Malicious Injury to Real Property. No plea bargain was arranged in bringing Williams' charges before the Court. Circuit Court Judge Grace Gilchrist Knie issued the sentence.

In the early morning hours of September 4, 2022, NyJawon Williams and others approached two men in a Hyundai sedan at an apartment complex on Abner Road in Spartanburg. Mr. Williams was armed with a handgun. The group ordered the two men out of the sedan and told the two men to start walking. Upon walking away the two men heard gunshots and began running. One man was shot in the leg and multiple vehicles were struck by gunshots. The sedan the two men had been in was taken by the group, including Mr. Williams. The group later drove the sedan to Kensington Apartments where a family member of Mr. Williams lived. At Kensington Apartments two residents told Mr. Williams and the group to slow down in the apartment complex. Words were exchanged between the men and the group, including Mr. Williams. Upon the group driving out of Kensington Apartments they shot at the two men. In doing so, gunshots struck a vehicle and entered an apartment. Later that same day officers with the Spartanburg Police Department recovered the Hyundai sedan from Fairforest Creek near John B. White Sr. Boulevard.

On three successive nights during the week of September 5th 2022 Mr. Williams and codefendants broke into Smart Pawn on Chesnee Highway, Apple Auto Sales on Venture Boulevard, Family First Auto on West Main Street, Camp Croft Trading Company on Country Club Road, and Subway on Southport Road. At Smart Pawn the group smashed the front door with a cinderblock and stole multiple firearms and gaming systems. At Apple Auto Sales and Family First Auto the group broke through glass front entrances, came into the businesses, and stole sets of spare keys. At Camp Croft Trading Company the group busted a window, partially entered the building, and then departed once they could not gain further entry. At Subway Mr.

Williams and a codefendant shattered the drive-through window, gained entry, and stole the cash drawer. Mr. Williams was present and engaged in the crimes at all locations.

Around 2:00 a.m. on September 8, 2022, Mr. Williams' crime spree came to an end when members of the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office on patrol recognized a Toyota Highlander that had been stolen from the Spartanburg Marriott parking garage the prior week. Mr. Williams and his codefendants were in the Highlander. When officers attempted a traffic stop the stolen Highlander accelerated. During the pursuit, the stolen Highlander turned off all of its lights and reached a speed of ninety (90) miles per hour. Occupants of the stolen Highlander hung out of the vehicle and fired at the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office deputies. The stolen Highlander came to an abrupt stop on Howard Street and all occupants fled. Mr. Williams was apprehended hiding nearby. An AR-style firearm stolen from Smart Pawn was also recovered nearby. Mr. Williams admitted to shooting at law enforcement. While at the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office following the event, Mr. Williams kicked a hole in the wall of an interview room.

Assistant Solicitor Spenser Smith prosecuted Williams. Assistant Solicitor Smith commented, "Williams broke the peace and safety of our community in a brazen way and it is only through the work of dedicated law enforcement officers that Williams' crime spree came to an end."

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