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PRESS RELEASE

Jackson Resident Wilbert Coleman Plead Guilty to Armed Robbery and Aggravated Assault on a LEO

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For Immediate Release

On January 12, 2015, Jackson resident Wilbert Coleman plead guilty to armed robbery and aggravated assault on an LEO.

On April 20, 2012, Coleman and a co-defendant robbed Ms. Barbara Williams for her purse and belongings at gunpoint as Ms. Williams approached her vehicle in the parking lot after shopping at the Metro Center Mall. Ms. Williams' screams for help alerted Mississippi Highway Patrol Trooper First Class Marvin Henderson, who was administering a driver's license road test in the parking lot. Henderson while in uniform ordered Coleman to stop and pursued Coleman as he attempted to flee. Coleman fired several shots at Henderson and fled in a vehicle driven by his co-defendant. Henderson pursued the vehicle and the co-defendant was apprehended at the scene. Coleman was eventually take into custody and charged for the armed robbery and shooting at law enforcement.

Following Coleman's guilty plea, Judge Winston Kidd has set the sentencing hearing for February 24, 2015.