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PRESS RELEASE

DeQuan Trevion Berry and Reginald Kiyonne Jackson sentenced today

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(JACKSON, MISS.) Hinds County District Attorney Robert Shuler Smith today announced the sentencing of DeQuan Trevion Berry and Reginald Kiyonne Jackson in separate cases in Hinds County Circuit Judge Jeff Weill's courtroom.

Berry, age 19, was sentenced to serve 23 years in prison for 2 counts of Armed Robbery with a gun enhancement. He was convicted of robbing two of his neighbors at a Jackson apartment in April 2012. The victims immediately recognized him and later picked him out of a lineup.

At trial, Berry's grandmother testified she was playing cards and watching TV with him when the crime was committed, telling the court they were watching two TVs simultaneously - in the same room. Prosecutors then questioned another defense witness who unwittingly disputed the two-TV alibi.

Jackson, age 23, was sentenced to serve 25 years in prison for the December 2011 on-campus armed robbery of a Jackson State University student. His accomplice, Derrick Course, was recently sentenced to serve 30 years for this crime.

"We must find a way to prevent so many of our young people from throwing their lives away, as DeQuan Berry and Reginald Jackson have done," said Smith.

"Until then, however, my office will continue to work within the court system to protect Hinds County citizens from all criminals, young and old."

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