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Violent Habitual Offender Martez Taylor to spend the rest of life behind bars

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A Jackson man was sentenced to serve the rest of his life in the penitentiary yesterday, announced the District Attorney of Hinds County, Robert Shuler Smith.

In April of 2015 Martez Taylor was indicted by the grand jury of Hinds County surrounding a robbery occurring at the Best Value Inn. Taylor had been previously incarcerated in the penitentiary in 2006 for armed robbery and again in 2013 for house burglary. During the jury trial in May of this year the Hinds County District Attorney's Office presented the jury with evidence that Taylor robbed two individuals at gun point, even pointing the gun at an infant child. Taylor also illegally possessed a firearm in violation of Mississippi law which makes it a crime for felons to possess firearms.

“Our habitual offender statute in Mississippi is tantamount to a three strikes you are out law. It is designed to keep the most violent and repeat offenders off the streets of our city, for life.” District Attorney Smith said, “The sentence carries a mandatory life sentence with no parole or early release.”