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Notorious Armed Carjacker Guilty on 5 Counts

Facing Two Life Sentences plus 70 years

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(Jackson, Miss) Hinds County District Attorney Robert Shuler Smith and his co-counsel, Assistant D.A. Kimalon Campbell, acting on behalf of the state of Mississippi, prosecuted Kadarius White, an armed robber and armed carjacker, in court this week. White was charged with orchestrating a string of violent crimes in the Jackson area. In a one-month period, White, with the assistance of his criminal entourage robbed thousands of dollars' worth of personal possessions from numerous victims, before stealing their cars - all at gunpoint. The defendant was apprehended after leading police on a chase and running from a vehicle that had been previously carjacked.

This crime spree was brought to a swift conclusion only by the investigative work of the Jackson Police Department. JPD Officer Moore, who is testifying at trial, commented that, "A team effort among JPD officers and investigators played a major role in the speedy apprehension of this defendant." Officer Moore also confirmed that JPD officers were familiar with Kadarius White as a suspect in other criminal behavior.

Kadarius White has had multiple encounters with law enforcement since the age of 13, though he has been able to avoid association with any major crime. The District Attorney's office is grateful to JPD for its expert handling of this string of violent crimes. During the investigation, multiple victims individually identified White as their attacker. All of these victims are testifying for the State at trial. In addition to the unwavering identifications provided by the victims, police were able to track victim Scott Penman's stolen cell phone to the defendant's home.

District Attorney Robert Shuler Smith is "confident that there will be a just resolution in the State's favor at the sentencing phase," and "pleased that a true menace has been removed from the streets of our community." White is facing two life sentences for armed robbery and two 30 year sentences for armed carjacking as well as 10 years for receiving stolen property. White will be sentenced by the Honorable Judge Winston Kidd on May 18, 2015 at 11:00a.m.