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**Dayton Man Sentenced to Prison for Robbery, Kidnapping**

*State v. Harold ShROUT, 2017-CR-926*

**DAYTON, OH (09/08/2017)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 43-year-old **HAROLD SHROUT**, of Dayton, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for the robbery of a title loan business, and kidnapping the employee.

On Friday, March 24, 2017, the defendant entered LoanMax Title Loans on S. Patterson Road in Dayton, ostensibly to get a loan against his auto title. The defendant and an employee went outside and took down the information from the vehicle. Once back inside the business, the defendant pulled out a knife and demanded the cash from the register. He took the victim into a back room, made her undress, and threatened to kill her if she followed him.

The victim reported the robbery to the police, and they were able to use the vehicle information to connect it to the defendant.

On April 14, 2017, the defendant was indicted by the Montgomery County Grand Jury on one count of Kidnapping and one count of Aggravated Robbery.

Today, the defendant was found guilty as charged on both counts and was sentenced to serve 10 years in prison on each count, to be served concurrently.

Prosecutor Heck continued, “This defendant was convicted in 2002 of Felonious Assault and spent two years in prison. Thankfully, the victim, in this case, was not harmed during this robbery.”

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