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Serial Robber Sentenced for Crime Spree
Defendant commits five robberies in four days
State v. James Odum, 2016-CR-1147

DAYTON, OH (06/27/2016) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 51 year old **James Odum**, of Dayton, was sentenced to just three years in prison for committing five robberies over a four day period in Dayton and Kettering.

On April 5, 2016, the defendant robbed the Circle K at 816 Watervliet Avenue in Dayton.

On April 6, 2016, the defendant robbed Rich's Smoke Shop at 2050 E. Stroop Road in Kettering.

On April 8, 2016, the defendant robbed the Dairy Queen at 2613 S. Smithville Road, the Sundeck Tanning Salon at 456 Patterson Road in Dayton and the Subway at 528 Wilmington Pike in Dayton.

In all five cases, the defendant would enter the business, pretend to be purchasing something, then he would indicate he had a gun in his pocket and rob the business, even going so far as threatening to blow off the heads of the victims. In three of the five robberies, the defendant left with the business' money.

The defendant was indicted on five counts of robbery on May 9, 2016, and was found guilty on June 20, 2016 after entering a plea of guilty as charged.

Prosecutor Heck continued, "This defendant brazenly robbed five businesses in just four days. Clearly, his behavior shows that he poses a significant risk to our community."

This defendant had just been released from prison in August of 2015 before committing these robberies. The state recommended that the defendant be sentenced to the maximum, consecutive sentence of 38 years in prison in order to adequately protect the community.

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