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Kettering Man Sentenced for Home Invasion, Shooting at Police Officer

State v. Matthew Short, 2014-CR-4041

DAYTON, OH (07/14/2015) – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 24-year-old **Matthew L. Short**, of Kettering, was sentenced to a total of 17 years in the penitentiary for committing a home invasion and then shooting at a responding Huber Heights police officer.

On Sunday, November 23, 2014, the defendant went to a home in the 7600 block of Taylorsville Road in Huber Heights. The defendant entered the home and tied up an elderly male who was inside the residence, and ordered two others, at gunpoint, to the home's basement. The elderly male was able to dial 911 and report that a burglary was in progress. When a Huber Heights Police Officer responded to the scene, the defendant shot at the officer, who returned fire. The defendant was able to flee the area but was captured on a security camera at a nearby UDF store. Police were able to identify the suspect from the photo. The next day, the defendant turned himself in to police.

The defendant was convicted of felonious assault on a police officer, three counts aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon, three counts kidnapping, and one count of aggravated burglary with a deadly weapon. The defendant received a sentence of seven years in prison for felonious assault on a police officer, a total of seven years in prison on the other counts, plus an additional three years incarceration for using a firearm during the commission of the crimes, all consecutive.

Prosecutor Heck continued, "This defendant is clearly a dangerous and violent felon. In addition to brazenly kidnapping three victims, he also shot at a police officer. Thankfully, no one was injured or killed during these crimes."

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