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PRESS RELEASE

William Eddins, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit, announced today that Circuit Judge John T. Brown sentenced Corey Landon McComas to 15.1 years in State Prison with fifteen years to be served as a minimum mandatory sentence following his plea of no contest to Robbery. He will serve 15 years in prison day-for-day without gain time because of his status as a Prison Releasee Reoffender. He was also sentenced as a Habitual Felony Offender. McComas was on probation at the time he committed the Robbery.

On July 12, 2013, McComas entered a home in Niceville to visit a friend of his, who was one of the residents. He was only an acquaintance of the victim, who was the primary resident. While inside the residence, McComas took a small safe that contained the victim's medications, and when the victim saw he was taking it, McComas pulled out a black handgun from his pockets and pointed it at the victim and said, "This is happening." It was later determined to be a BB gun.

The Defendant fled down the street and entered a taxi van. The van was quickly located by the Niceville Police Department, and although the taxi van was not being driven by a taxi employee, both the driver and the passenger denied any knowledge of what McComas had intended to do. McComas reportedly had only told them he was going to get some money that was owed to him. McComas exited the van quickly after entering it and before it was stopped by law enforcement. The passenger said that while McComas was in the van, he opened the safe and pills went flying everywhere, which he began collecting into a bag. Law enforcement located the safe, two empty pill bottles, and several loose pills in the van. They also recovered a black CO2 air pistol.

The investigation was conducted by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office and the Niceville Police Department. Assistant State Attorney Clifton Drake prosecuted the case.