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PRESS RELEASE

Ginger Bowden Madden, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida announced on April 26, 2021, 33 year old Donell McPherson Jr was sentenced to 15 years state prison as a Habitual Felony Offender after pleading no contest to Principal to Robbery with a Deadly Weapon. McPherson also pled no contest to other charges including Robbery without a Weapon, Grand Theft, three counts of Dealing in Stolen Property, three Counts of Uttering Forged Bills, Deposit with the Intent to Defraud and two counts of Petit Theft. McPherson was sentenced by the Honorable Linda Nobles.

On December 7, 2019, McPherson and another individual entered The Penny Patch convenience store. While the individual pointed a firearm at the clerk, McPherson went behind the counter, had a brief struggle with the clerk and stole the register drawer prior to fleeing the scene. McPherson grabbed the Clerk's wrist during the struggle. After a crime scene technician conducted a DNA swabbing of the clerk's wrist, McPherson's DNA profile was included as a contributor.

McPherson has several prior convictions including Felony Battery, Burglary of a Structure, Burglary of Dwelling, Grand Theft, and two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance.

The investigation and arrest were conducted by the Escambia County Sheriff's Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Jeremiah Monahan. For further information, please contact Mr. Monahan at 850-595-4200.