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Defendants Are Sentenced to Prison for Armed Robbery in Waverly Park Subdivision in 2022
State vs. Omar Faines, Kristopher Maxey, Nasir Stover, and Courtney Watson

March 15, 2024 – Cherokee County District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that all four co-defendants in a 2022 armed robbery have entered guilty pleas and been sentenced to prison.

During three separate hearings on Friday, March 8, Omar Sheriff-Tyhear Faines, 20, of Acworth, Kristopher Devon Maxey, 21, of Canton, and Nasir De’shawn Stover, 17, of Holly Springs, entered negotiated guilty pleas to charges of armed robbery (2 counts), aggravated assault (2 counts), possession of a firearm during a commission of a felony (2 counts), and robbery by sudden snatching. They were each sentenced to 20 years, with the first 10 years to serve in confinement.

The fourth co-defendant, Courtney Anthony Watson, 19, of Acworth, entered a non-negotiated guilty plea on September 20, 2023, to the same charges as well as possession of a firearm by a first-offender probationer. Superior Court Judge Tony Baker sentenced Watson to 30 years with the first 20 years to serve in confinement and the remainder on probation.

Judge Baker banned the co-defendants from Cherokee County and ordered no contact with each other or with the victims. Gang conditions were also imposed, including no contact of any kind with a member or associate of a criminal street gang.

At the plea hearings, Assistant District Attorney Kelly Chavis presented the facts as follows. On November 3, 2022, at approximately 2:30 a.m. all four co-defendants went to the Waverly Park neighborhood in a silver Nissan Altima. When they arrived in the subdivision, Faines and Stover got out of the car’s backseat and began walking through the neighborhood.

With Watson in the passenger seat and Maxey driving, the car stopped at a home to pick up a man and a woman known to Watson. The four then went to a convenience store to buy snacks. Afterward, Maxey drove everyone back to the neighborhood and stopped the car in front of the same home. When the car came to a stop, Faines and Stover, wearing ski masks, ran out of the wood line to the rear passenger doors. They brandished firearms and stole an iPhone 13 and a small switchblade from the male victim.

The armed men then got into the car and drove away. Before exiting the neighborhood, they realized that one of their cell phones had inadvertently been left behind. Watson contacted the female victim and offered to exchange phones. When the men returned, the victims noticed that one of them was wearing a gold-colored Halloween mask on top of his ski mask. Watson snatched the phone from the victim’s hands but did not return the stolen cell phone. The victims then called 911, and the Cherokee Sheriff’s Office responded to begin its investigation.

Minutes later, Holly Springs Police spotted the Nissan Altima in the Barrett Farms subdivision and detained the suspects. Inside the vehicle, law enforcement found a Taurus G2C 9mm handgun, black ski masks, the gold-colored Halloween mask, and the items the defendants stole from the victims.

“Quick work from the Cherokee Sheriff’s Office and the Holly Springs Police ensured that these dangerous individuals were quickly apprehended. As the investigation and prosecution of this case proceeded, it became apparent that at least some of these defendants were associated with the Bloods, a criminal street gang,” said Assistant District Attorney Chavis, who prosecuted the case on behalf of the State. “During the armed robbery, while shaking down the victims and threatening them with a firearm, the defendants kept asking ‘where is the blicky,’ which is a Blood term for a firearm.”

Further investigation determined that all four co-defendants had ties to the Bloods. Individuals known to Maxey and Watson confirmed that they were associated with the Bloods. Then, while incarcerated in state prison, Watson reached out to Faines on a jail texting device to recruit him into the Bloods subset Sex, Money, Murder. At the plea hearing, Stover admitted that he was “jumped” into the Bloods, specifically the Rollin’ 20s, at the age of 13.

“Gang crimes are nearly always violent, which was the case here when these criminals lured two people into a situation for the explicit purpose of robbing them at gunpoint. Thankfully, no one was physically harmed, but this incident is traumatic and unsettling not only to the victims but also for the community,” said District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway. “Through this sentence, four known gang members are now serving prison sentences, and have been banned from our county for the protection of our citizens.”

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kelly Chavis and investigated by the Cherokee Sheriff’s Office, with assistance from Holly Springs Police.

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