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Uni-Mart Robber Given Decades in Prison

Saying his violent history shows no real desire to change, a County Court Judge on Wednesday sentenced an admitted convenience store robber to up to 3 ¹/₂ decades in state prison.

According to District Attorney Eric R. Linhardt, 24 year-old Anthony Mixon-Love was given a sentence of 12 to 35 years in prison by President Judge Nancy L. Butts.

In March, Mixon-Love pleaded guilty to various robbery, theft and weapons offenses for the May 17, 2014 robbery at the Uni-Mart in the 1900 block of West Fourth Street. The man denied using a gun in the hold-up, but Butts was shown a store surveillance photo at the sentencing hearing, which clearly showed a handgun pointed directly at the store clerk.

Another photo showed Mixon-Love's hand resting on a candy bar wrapper. City police were able to lift a fingerprint from that item, which came back to Mixon-Love. By the time police found the man's identity from the fingerprint, he was jailed in the Lycoming County Prison on a retail theft charge.

At this week's hearing, Mixon-Love apologized for the robbery and said he wanted to turn his life around for his young daughter's sake.

Assistant District Attorney Nicole Ippolito argued that Mixon-Love deserved a harsh punishment using the sentencing enhancements available for using a deadly weapon. She took issue with Mixon-Love's claim that he was trying to turn his life around, noting his lengthy criminal history to include convictions for drug possession, burglary, shop lifting and assault, and noted as well, that Mixon-Love recently mocked police and prosecutors following his arrest on the retail theft charge.

Butts read from a disciplinary report from the Lycoming County Prison. It contained numerous violations and disciplinary lock-ups for disrespect to staff and other inmates. Mixon-Love still faces charges for allegedly throwing bodily fluids at one of his fellow inmates.

In addition to the lengthy prison term, Mixon-Love was also ordered to pay \$85 restitution to the Uni-Mart.