



Department of Justice

United States Attorney Sally Quillian Yates
Northern District of Georgia

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

04/29/10

<http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/gan/>

CONTACT: Patrick Crosby

(404)581-6016

FAX (404)581-6160

CARJACKER GETS 27 YEARS IN PRISON

Robber Stole Cash & a Car from Victim at Gunpoint at Atlanta Gas Station

ATLANTA, GA - JUAN RAMON WINFREY, 39, of Atlanta, Georgia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Orinda D. Evans to serve 27 years in federal prison on charges of armed carjacking, using a firearm to commit a crime of violence, and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

United States Attorney Sally Quillian Yates said of today's sentence: "While an innocent victim was buying gas for his car, this defendant pointed a loaded gun in the victim's face, threatened to kill him, and took off in the victim's car. This kind of violent act is not without a consequence, as this defendant will be paying with the next 27 years of his life behind bars."

"The sentence imposed on the defendant here today is evidence of a continued, multi-agency commitment to removing violent predators from the streets of Atlanta," said Special Agent in Charge Gregory Gant of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' Atlanta Field Division. "Atlanta police officers caught up with Winfrey within minutes of him committing this violent act. Thanks to APD's partnership with ATF, the full weight of federal law caught up with him shortly thereafter. Along with our prosecutorial counterparts, we stand poised to aggressively address violent crime-ensuring lengthy prison terms for such offenders, so they cannot victimize again."

WINFREY was sentenced to 27 years in prison to be followed by 5 years of supervised release. WINFREY was convicted by a jury of these charges in January 2010, after a three day trial.

According to United States Attorney Yates, the charges and other information presented in court: On April 4, 2008, at approximately 9:45 p.m., the victim was filling up his car at a Chevron station located on the corner of Piedmont Road and Morosgo Drive, in Atlanta, Georgia. While the victim was pumping gas, defendant WINFREY, accompanied by a co-defendant, approached the victim, pulled out and pointed a double-barreled Derringer pistol at him, and demanded, "Give it up." Fearing for his life, the

victim gave approximately \$400 to WINFREY. WINFREY then ordered the victim to hand over the keys to his car, and the victim immediately complied.

While still pointing the gun at the victim, WINFREY jumped into the driver's seat and fled in the car with the co-defendant, who had gotten in on the passenger's side. After they had driven away, the victim called 911 and gave a description of the robbers and his vehicle. Based on that description, the police stopped WINFREY in the victim's car within five miles of the gas station, at the corner of Peachtree Road and Deering Road. Both WINFREY and the co-defendant attempted to flee but were apprehended almost immediately by police.

WINFREY had been previously convicted in Fulton County Superior Court on charges of aggravated assault, robbery and theft by taking.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the ATF, along with Police Officers and Investigators from the Atlanta Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Jackson prosecuted the case.

For further information please contact Sally Q. Yates, United States Attorney, or Charysse L. Alexander, Executive Assistant United States Attorney, through Patrick Crosby, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Attorney's Office, at (404) 581-6016. The Internet address for the HomePage for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia is www.justice.gov/usao/gan.