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Man sentenced for committing two armed robberies

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An Adams Run man who committed two armed robberies in 2015 pled guilty last week and was sentenced today to 23 years in prison.

In February of 2015, Levell Leonard Grant, 27, arranged to meet an individual for a drug transaction in West Ashley. Instead of completing the transaction, Grant choked the victim. An unknown person then handed Grant an object, which the victim believed was a handgun. Grant choked the victim unconscious then took his money and cell phone.

Charleston Police Department detectives investigated the incident and charged Grant with armed robbery and assault and battery in the first degree. Grant posted bond on those charges.

In September of 2015, while out on bond, Grant entered a shed in North Charleston and robbed a female victim while holding an AK-47 style weapon. The shed was used for gambling and has since been shut down. North Charleston Police detectives investigated the incident and charged Grant with armed robbery and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime.

Grant's sentence came as part of a negotiated plea with Assistant Solicitor David Osborne. The plea, which resolved all of Grant's charges, was a prison term in the range of 20-25 years. The Honorable Judge Deadra Jefferson presided over the plea and sentencing hearing. At the sentencing hearing, detectives from the Charleston Police Department, North Charleston Police Department, and the Charleston County Sheriff's Office were all present in support of the State's request for a 25 year sentence. Judge Jefferson also heard from Assistant Public Defender Benjamin Lewis and one of Grant's aunts who both asked for the minimum 20 year sentence before sentencing Grant to 23 years in prison. Grant must serve 85% of the sentence before being released on parole. Grant's prior record consisted of the following convictions: 2007 Simple Assault, 2012 Federal Conviction for Transporting Counterfeit Money and 2013 Burglary 2nd Degree Non-Violent and Strong Arm Robbery.

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