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## Greeley Bank Robber Sentenced to 8 Years DOC



GREELEY, Colo. (Weld County D.A.) – Today in Weld County District Court, a Greeley man was sentenced to the Department of Corrections for robbing a bank in 2015.

The judge sentenced Taylor Jordan White, 22, to 8 years in the DOC, followed by an additional 5 years of probation.

White plead guilty to aggravated robbery, a class 3 felony, in August.

On November 20, 2015, White walked into the Wells Fargo Bank, located at 2300 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Greeley, and handed a note to the teller demanding \$10,000 in unmarked bills, otherwise lives would be in danger.

According to court records, White got scared after delivering the note and left the building. But less than one hour later, he walked into another bank, Guaranty Bank and Trust on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and delivered another letter, once again demanding money. This time, White stuck around for the cash and left.

In court today, White said he needed the money to pay off his drug dealer.

“The defendant wants to say he had to do this and he was trying to make his life right,” said Deputy District Attorney Tate Costin, who prosecuted the case. “He didn’t have to do this. He chose to rob a bank to pay off his drug dealer. To give him anything less would diminish what he did.”

Judge Marcelo Kopcow agreed and sentenced him to the 8 years. “I’m absolutely concerned that you will victimize this community again,” Kopcow said at sentencing. “This wasn’t an impulsive act. You had the time to think about it. You make bad choices.”

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