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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**TULARE ARMED ROBBER SENTENCED TO PRISON**

On October 25, 2017, in Department 10 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Kathryn Montejano sentenced Demidrick Chatman, age 27, of Tulare, to 27 years and 8 months in prison for attempted armed robbery and other crimes.

On August 24, 2017, Chatman pleaded no contest to attempted robbery with personal and intentional discharge of a firearm, assault with a firearm with personal use of a firearm, resisting arrest, and hit and run driving. Chatman possesses a prior strike for assault with a deadly weapon with use of a firearm from 2010 in which he was sentenced to 7 years in prison. He also possesses a concealed firearm conviction from the same year.

On August 9, 2016, Chatman entered a Tulare gas station armed with a handgun. The store's owner and a single customer were the only ones inside. Chatman pointed the gun at both men and told the customer to get down. After refusing to comply, Chatman became angry and fired a shot toward the back of the store. He then struck the man multiple times with the gun before a fight ensued and the store's owner pulled the security alarm. During the fight, Chatman dropped the gun and fled. On September 29, 2016, Chatman was being followed by Tulare Police Department officers investigating the case when he struck two parked cars, exited the vehicle through a window, and ran. After a lengthy foot pursuit, Chatman was taken in to custody.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Eric Wang and investigated by the Tulare Police Department.

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