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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**VISALIA MAN SENTENCED TO 13 YEARS IN STATE PRISON FOR  
ROBBERY AT GUNPOINT**

Today in Department 6 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Gary Paden sentenced Dion McCormick, age 31, of Visalia, to 13 years in prison for robbing two men in downtown Visalia.

On January 31, 2017, a Tulare County jury found McCormick guilty of one count of second-degree robbery with the special allegation of personal use of a firearm, and one count of attempted second-degree robbery with the special allegation of personal use of a firearm. Each count is a felony.

In the early morning hours of June 8, 2014, two adult males were walking to their car when McCormick approached, pulled a gun on them, and demanded that they empty their pockets. One victim recognized McCormick, and urged him to stop. McCormick refused, and fled with approximately \$280. At 2:43 am, police were called, but McCormick could not be located. A few months later on August 29, 2014, one of the victims of the robbery spotted McCormick in a Visalia store and flagged police. McCormick was taken in to custody without incident and admitted to carrying out the robbery in order to buy drugs.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Katrina Brownson and investigated by Detective Josh Pena of the Visalia Police Department.

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