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**PRESS RELEASE**

State Attorney Bill Eddins announced that Edwin Donald Campbell was sentenced on October 21, 2014, by Judge Kelvin Wells to serve 20 years in state prison. Campbell had previously entered a no contest plea on September 18, 2014 to the charges of Carjacking without a Weapon, Fleeing or Eluding Law Enforcement with Lights and Siren Activated, Armed Carjacking, Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon, and a Felony Violation of Probation.

On June 20, 2013, Campbell approached a woman from behind at the parking lot of Express Health and Fitness in DeFuniak Springs. He attempted to physically take her car keys from her. When she resisted, he cut her arm multiple times with a knife and was able to take her keys. The Defendant fled in her vehicle and subsequently abandoned it nearby Interstate 10. He then walked onto the Interstate and lay down in the emergency lane. Several drivers stopped to check on him. The Defendant told them that his mother was hurt and pointed to the wood-line of the Interstate. While those people were distracted looking for this injured person, he stole another vehicle and knocked its' owner down when she tried to stop him.

Walton County Deputies attempted to apprehend the Defendant, but he refused to stop the vehicle. He eventually wrecked the vehicle in Holmes County and was taken into custody.

The investigation and arrest were conducted by the Walton County Sheriff's Office and DeFuniak Springs Police Department. Assistant State Attorney Matthew Richardson prosecuted the case. For further information, please contact him at 850-892-8080.