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ELGIN MAN GETS 25 YEARS FOR 2019 GAS STATION ARMED ROBBERY

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Kane County Circuit Judge Donald M. Tegeler, Jr., on May 28, 2021, sentenced 30-year-old **Jeffrey D. Richardson** to 25 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

A Kane County jury on March 19, 2021, found Richardson guilty of the offense of armed robbery with a firearm, Class X felony.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Joseph Cullen and Hannah Thayer presented evidence that at about 9 p.m. May 1, 2019, Richardson entered the Citgo gas station in the 1500 block of Larkin Avenue, Elgin, brandished a loaded handgun and robbed the clerk of \$1,240. Richardson fled on foot north on Jane Drive and hid the loaded pistol in a bush less than 200 feet from the Larkin High School parking lot. Elgin police officers located and arrested the defendant seven minutes later as he hid in the back yard of a home about .4 miles from the scene of the robbery. Richardson's loaded pistol remained in the bush where he hid it until the homeowner found it 10 months later.

According to Illinois law, Richardson must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. He receives credit for 785 days served in the Kane County jail while his case was pending. He receives an additional 69 days credit for his participation in the Lighthouse substance use disorder program while in the jail.

ASA Thayer said:

"When he was arrested, he had a large tattoo on his neck which proclaimed, 'Live by the gun Die by the gun.' He will now serve a long prison sentence because he choose to live by the gun."

Jeffrey Richardson: Age 30 (d.o.b. 7-20-1990), of the 200 block of Locust Street, Elgin, Illinois. Case No. 19CF799.