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ST. CHARLES MAN HEADED TO PRISON FOR ARMED ROBBERY

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A St. Charles man is headed to prison for robbing a tobacco store while armed with a weapon and then fighting with police when they came to his house to question him about the robbery.

Jacob M. Fahey, 21 (d.o.b. 2-28-1994), of the 500 block of 12th Avenue, St. Charles, on Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2015, agreed to a sentence of 10 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to armed robbery, a Class X felony, and three years for aggravated battery to a police officer, a Class 2 felony. The sentences are to be served concurrently. Associate Judge Clint Hull accepted the plea.

Prosecutors presented evidence that at about 6:20 p.m. Jan. 4, 2015, Fahey, who was armed with a BB pistol, and co-defendant Rayshawn Vonperbandt, (d.o.b. 7-14-1994), of the 200 block of North 15th Street, St. Charles, who was armed with a kitchen steak knife, entered a tobacco store in the 1500 block of East Main Street, St. Charles. Fahey pointed the gun at the victim, the shop owner, and then Vonperbandt put the knife to the victim's back. They ordered the victim to open the display case. Fahey and Vonperbandt removed two water pipes, each worth about \$2,000, and fled. As they fled, their images were captured on surveillance video.

On Jan. 20, St. Charles police went to Fahey's home to question him about the robbery. When they arrived at the house, Fahey refused to be handcuffed, and kicked the officers while trying to escape. When taken to the ground during the scuffle, Fahey grabbed one of the officers by the throat.

At the time of arrest, police found the BB pistol, as well as clothing that matched the clothing Fahey was seen wearing at the time of the armed robbery.

According to Illinois law, Fahey is eligible for day-for-day sentencing. He receives credit for at least 195 days served in the Kane County jail.

Vonperbandt's case is pending. He is charged with armed robbery, a Class X felony. His next court appearance is scheduled for Aug. 12.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorney Alex Bederka.

The charges against Vonperbandt are not proof of guilt. He is presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.