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Defendants Sentenced for Two-Day Crime Spree Involving Seven Violent Incidents

Calvin Brown and Rolaena Blunt Carjacked and Shot at Multiple Victims

San Diego County District Attorney <u>Summer Stephan</u> announced today that two defendants convicted of multiple violent felony crimes that terrorized several victims over two days, have been sentenced to prison for their July 2023 crime spree.

Calvin Brown, 27, was convicted in August of four separate carjackings at gunpoint, assault with a semi-automatic firearm on eight victims at three separate locations, animal abuse, robbery, hit and run causing permanent serious injury, and other felony crimes. Rolaena Blunt, 20, pleaded guilty on August 22 to assault with a semi-automatic firearm on two victims, and a separate robbery and carjacking for her role in the crimes.

Brown was sentenced to 59 years and eight months in state prison; Blunt was sentenced to 10 years and eight months in state prison.

"These defendants terrorized multiple groups of victims during a disturbing and violent two-day crime spree that crisscrossed the county, and they are now being held accountable," DA Stephan said. "From South Bay to North County, their crimes terrified residents and businesses, and led law enforcement on dangerous high-speed pursuits. I am grateful to San Diego Police and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department for their thorough investigations and to our prosecution team for expertly delivering justice in this case."

The crime spree began at 3:00 a.m. on July 3, 2023, in downtown San Diego when Brown carjacked a BMW at gunpoint, then fled from police at speeds exceeding 90-miles-per-hour. Two days later, Brown and Blunt drove in the carjacked BMW to a home in Imperial Beach where Brown shot a woman and a dog.

Next, the two drove a home in San Diego where Brown shot at a woman after he vandalized her residence. They then drove to a business on El Cajon Boulevard where Blunt stole items and Brown shot at employees who tried to stop the theft. Fleeing the robbery, while driving over 140 miles-per-hour on Interstate 805, Brown collided with two vehicles, causing one to roll over multiple times inflicting serious injuries on a 12-year-old girl.



Brown and Blunt abandoned the stolen BMW, ran off the freeway, and carjacked a second car at gunpoint. They drove to Encinitas, where they abandoned the second car and carjacked a third car at gunpoint. Defendant Brown fired multiple times at the last carjacking victim while being pursued. San Diego County Sheriff deputies finally apprehended Brown and Blunt at a fitness center in Encinitas after citizens called police with their whereabouts.

Deputy District Attorney Jim Koerber from the DA's Major Violators Team prosecuted this case.

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The San Diego County DA's Office prosecutes all felony crimes in the county and misdemeanor crimes committed outside the City of San Diego. The office files about 40,000 criminal cases a year and balances prosecution with numerous crime prevention programs. District Attorney Summer Stephan leads the office of more than 1,000 dedicated employees who pursue fair and equal justice, and support victims daily across San Diego County.

