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Man Convicted of Aggravated Assault and Armed Robbery

The Douglas County District Attorney's Office tried and convicted Batrone Thompson of Aggravated Assault and Armed Robbery following a two-day trial beginning on April 18, 2022. The case was investigated by the Douglasville Police Department and tried by Assistant District Attorneys Corrie Daniels and Laura Lukert before Judge Walter Matthews.

On August 30, 2019, the Douglasville Police Department responded to Arbor Place Mall for an Armed Robbery that had just occurred. The victim was in the restroom that is located on the lower level outside of Macy's when the defendant approached him from behind. The defendant then produced a handgun and pressed it to his neck and asked for the victim to hand over his wallet, money, and his phone. The defendant and the victim then began to tussle over the gun in the bathroom. Prior to the tussle, the defendant was able to steal a pocket knife out of the victim's pocket. The defendant fled from the restroom and left Arbor Place Mall.

On September 4th, the Douglasville Police Department responded to a call at a residence where the complainant stated that their neighbor was harassing and threatening them. While speaking with law enforcement they informed them that their neighbor was responsible for the recent Macy's armed robbery which had occurred a few days prior. They stated the defendant admitted to robbing an individual in the bathroom with a fake gun. During a search warrant of the defendant's residence the handgun, which was described by the victim, was located, and it was discovered that it was a replica of a Glock 17. Batrone Thompson was identified as the defendant in the Aggravated Assault and Armed Robbery from August 30th.

"The citizens of our community deserve to be able to shop with the confidence that they are safe from threats and violence", said District Attorney Dalia Racine. "Today, the jury's verdict made our community a safer place."

The jury deliberated for a short amount of time before rendering the verdict of guilty on the charges of Aggravated Assault and Armed Robbery. Judge Walter Matthews sentenced Thompson to 15 years with 10 years to serve in custody.