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Malcolm Frazier, Akheem Rhodes and Christopher Smith Sentenced for Tim Hortons Armed Robbery

Rochester, NY- Tuesday, April 24, 2018, County Court Judge John DeMarco sentenced 25-year-old Malcolm Frazier to 8 years in the New York State Department of Corrections followed by 4 years of post-release supervision on two counts of Robbery in the 2nd Degree and 23-year-old Akheem Rhodes was sentenced to 3.5 years in the New York State Department of Corrections followed by 3 years of Post Release Supervision for two counts of Robbery in the 2nd Degree and an additional 1 to 3 years on a Violation of Probation. A third defendant, 21-year-old Christopher Smith, will be sentenced on May 1, 2018. He will be sentenced to 8 years in the New York State Department of Corrections and 4 years of Post Release Supervision.

On the night of July 21, 2017, Malcolm Frazier and Christopher Smith entered a Tim Horton's located in the Town of Perinton. With faces covered, both pulled out what appeared to be handguns and demanded money from the two female employees. With guns pointed at the employees' heads and backs, the women were ordered to turn over money from the back office. The two defendants fled into a residential neighborhood behind the business where Akheem Rhodes was waiting with the getaway car. Thanks to a civilian witness who saw the men enter the vehicle and the quick response of the Monroe County Sheriff Deputies, the three defendants were apprehended just a mile from the scene within minutes of the crime. Inside the vehicle Deputies located the bank bag with money from Tim Horton's and two black, very realistic looking, BB guns. During the investigation, it was discovered that Malcolm Frazier was a previous employee of Tim Horton's who was fired only a few days prior.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Laura Vanderbrook of the Major Felony Bureau.

“Thanks to a concerned citizen and the swift and diligent work of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, three violent criminals will no longer be plaguing our streets,” said Assistant District Attorney Laura Vanderbrook. “Although the weapons were not real, the two employees were in

fear for their lives that evening, not knowing if they would make it home to their families. Nobody should be afraid when going to work or frequenting a place of business that a gun will be pointed at their face.”

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