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## **Palmdale Man Sentenced for String of Robberies**

A man who was one of three people convicted of a series of take-over robberies during a 15-month crime spree in the Antelope Valley was sentenced yesterday to 45 years in state prison, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Craig Kleffman said that Marcus Travis Robinson, 28, pleaded no contest on Oct. 31, 2016, to 10 counts of second-degree robbery and one count of conspiracy to commit robbery. Robinson also admitted using a firearm.

Co-defendant Mahealani Austin, 30, pleaded no contest on Oct. 28, 2016, to one count of kidnapping, three counts of second-degree robbery, one count of attempted robbery and one count of conspiracy to commit robbery. Austin also admitted using a firearm.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Carlos Chung sentenced Austin on May 10, 2017, to 35 years in state prison.

The third co-defendant, Brooke Nicole Hollins, 26, pleaded no contest on Aug. 12, 2016, to four counts of kidnapping. She was sentenced on Dec. 7, 2016, to 27 years in state prison.

The robberies and kidnappings occurred in the early morning hours between Dec. 12, 2011 and Sept. 24, 2012, the prosecutor said. During the robbery several victims were threatened at gunpoint and taken to isolated areas of retail locations that included pharmacies and a pizza shop, according to court testimony.

Several of the stores were robbed more than once, the prosecutor added.

Case MA062046 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lancaster Station.

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