



News Release

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Kelley's Bar Robber Sentenced to 58 Months in Prison

Carver County Attorney Mark Metz announced that Roberta Ann Michel, age 45, of Norwood Young America, was sentenced on January 24, 2012, by the Honorable Judge Kevin W. Eide to 58 months in prison for Aggravated Robbery in the First Degree.

The criminal complaint alleges that on May 11, 2011, at approximately 1:45 p.m., Michel entered Kelley's Bar in Chaska, brandished a firearm, and demanded money from the cash register. The bartender complied. Michel received approximately \$400 and backed out of the bar, pointing the gun at the bartender.

The identity of the robber was initially unclear. Following a thorough investigation by the Chaska Police Department, Michel was identified as the assailant.

Michel entered a plea of guilty to the charge of Aggravated Robbery in the First Degree on September 30, 2011. A presentence investigation was ordered.

At the sentencing hearing on January 24, 2012, Michel's attorney argued for a reduced sentence. Assistant County Attorney Peter Ivy sought a prison sentence of 58 months, which is consistent with the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines.

Judge Eide sentenced Michel to 58 months in prison.

Ivy stated, "This was a particularly egregious offense because of the use of a firearm. Our goal is to aggressively prosecute gun crimes to deter others from committing similar acts and to punish those that commit these serious offenses that violate the community's sense of safety."

Metz commented, "I commend the Chaska Police Department for conducting an excellent investigation and prosecutor Peter Ivy for his fine advocacy in this case."

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