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SENTENCES HANDED DOWN FOR DAYTON TRIO INVOLVED IN FATAL SHOOTING AND DRIVE-THRU CONVENIENCE STORE ROBBERY

Shooter receives 25 years; other two receive 14 years each

DAYTON – Three men responsible for the August 12, 2008 robbery and fatal shooting of a convenience store clerk were sentenced in United States District Court here today.

Trevor J. Trammel, aka "Boss Man, 19, was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment. Thaddius S. Core, aka "Man," 21, and Charles A. Calahan, aka "Ed", 23, were each sentenced to 14 years imprisonment.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Keith L. Bennett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Dayton Police Chief Richard Biehl announced the sentences handed down today by United States District Judge Thomas M. Rose.

Trammel pleaded guilty on December 30, 2009 to discharging a firearm during a violent crime which resulted in death. Core and Calahan each pleaded guilty on December 30, 2009 to one count of violating the Hobbs Act by interfering with commerce by violence.

The charges stem from the robbery and homicide at the Kwik 'N Kold drive-thru convenience store located at 4121 Prescott Avenue in Dayton.

According to court documents, the men approached the store shortly before 1 a.m. when it was scheduled to close. Core and Calahan acted as lookouts while Trammel, brandishing a gun he received from Calahan, approached the night manager as he was closing. Trammel demanded money and fired four shots at the manager, striking him at least once in the lower abdomen. The manager later died from the wounds.

The FBI Miami Valley Safe Streets Task Force and the Dayton Police Department Homicide Unit investigated the robbery. Video from a store security camera was shared with local media as part of the investigation. After the video aired, the Dayton Police Department received a tip through Crime Stoppers that Trammel was involved in the robbery. Further investigation led to the arrests of the three men on January 15, 2009. They have been in custody since their arrests.

"Prompt response from the public and a thorough, cooperative investigation by the FBI and Dayton Police helped solve this senseless and violent crime," Stewart said.

Stewart commended the cooperative investigation by FBI agents, Dayton detectives and Task Force officers, as well as Assistant U.S. Attorney Dwight Keller, who prosecuted the case.