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STATE V. SHAWN C. THOMAS
Sentencing after Guilty Plea

The Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office announces:

On March 16, 2025, Shawn C. Thomas, 50, of Maple Drive, Vineland, appeared before the Honorable Cristen P. D'Arrigo, J.S.C., for sentencing. The defendant was sentenced after previously entering a plea of guilty to an indictment charging second degree Aggravated Assault in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1B(1). The defendant was sentenced to seven years in New Jersey State Prison, subject to the No Early Release Act which requires the defendant to serve 85% of his sentence before being eligible for parole as well as three years of parole supervision upon his release.

On July 28, 2023, members of the Vineland Police Department were dispatched to the Walmart located at 1070 West Landis Avenue in Vineland for a report of a male employee (age 56 at the time) who was assaulted by a customer and was unconscious. Walmart loss prevention personnel provided police with surveillance footage that showed Shawn Thomas pass through the self-checkout registers without paying for all of the items in his cart. When he was approached by the victim, Thomas struck the employee one time which was forceful enough to cause the victim to fall unconscious to the floor. Thomas then left the store. The victim sustained serious injuries including a brain bleed and concussion.

The State was represented by Assistant Prosecutor Jeffrey Krachun. The attorney of record for the defendant was Wayne Powell, Esquire, whose office is in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

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