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### **Dangerous Felon Sentenced to 28 years in Prison**

Ellis County and District Attorney Ann Montgomery announced that Joshua Michael Carver of Clute, Texas, was convicted on April 13, 2023, by a jury of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon. Carver was enhanced under the habitual felony offender statute with two prior felony convictions increasing his punishment range in both cases to 25-99 years in prison, or Life.

Carver stole a vehicle, broke into the victim's home, held her at gun point, stole another vehicle from Starbucks in Waxahachie, and took police officers on a high-speed chase through the county—all while illegally possessing a firearm. The jury returned guilty verdicts on both cases and returned a sentence of 28 years on the Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and 25 years on the Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon.

"Texas law prohibits convicted felons, like Carver, from possessing firearms outside their homes," stated Montgomery. "My office takes offenses involving firearms and convicted felons seriously. We will continue to prosecute dangerous felons who threaten Ellis County citizens with firearms."

Assistant County and District Attorneys Kayce Witt and Kevin Boneberg prosecuted the cases, assisted by County and District Attorney Investigators Dennis Morris and Luis Hinojosa, Felony Clerk Jenny Wilhoite, and Victim Assistance Coordinator Jamie Morales. The case was investigated by the Ellis County Sheriff's Office and the Waxahachie Police Department.

