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**TAUNTON MAN SENT TO STATE PRISON FOR ARMED CARJACKING**

**BROCKTON** – A Taunton man has pleaded guilty to carjacking and robbing two women in Brockton at gunpoint, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

Jose Robles, (DOB: 02/18/83) of Brockton, pleaded guilty in Brockton Superior Court today to one count each of Armed Carjacking, Armed Robbery, Attempted Armed Robbery and Reckless Operation of a Motor Vehicle. Judge Raffi Yessayan sentenced Robles to serve seven years to seven years and a day in State Prison, to be followed by two years of Probation from and after.

On February 16, 2016 just before noon, Brockton and State Police responded to a report of a carjacking in the parking lot of the Macy's Department Store in Westgate Mall. On scene, the victim told officers that she pushed the unlock button on her car key fob as she walked with her mother and infant child toward her Toyota Camry. As she approached the vehicle, she noticed a male sitting in the driver's seat. The man, later identified as Robles, told the victim he had mistakenly entered the wrong car. Robles exited the vehicle and the victim began buckling her baby into her car seat. At that point, Robles told the victim he was going to take the car and told her to take her baby back out of the car seat. As Robles did this, he pulled back his coat to reveal a firearm and demanded both women's purses. Robles took one of the purses, got into the driver's seat, and sped off.

A description of the Toyota Camry was broadcast and State Police pursued the defendant to Stoughton where he crashed the car into a telephone pole. Robles attempted to run from police on foot with a black pistol and purse in hand but he was quickly captured by police. The pistol was later determined to be a BB gun.

"Mr. Robles's brazen actions in broad daylight against these women, one with a young baby, have haunted these carjack victims," DA Cruz said. "These women, who were merely attempting to go about their business that day, were traumatized by Mr. Robles and his actions have left them with lasting effects. I am hopeful that with Mr. Robles now in prison, these victims can begin the hard road to regaining normalcy in their daily lives."

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Joseph Janezic and was investigated by State Police and Brockton Police.

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