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ELGIN MAN GETS PRISON FOR 2016 ARMED ROBBERY WITH KNIFE

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An Elgin man is headed to prison for robbing a business at knifepoint a year ago.

57-year-old **Eugene R. Tasior, Jr.** on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017, agreed to a sentence of 20 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to armed robbery, Class X felony.

Kane County Circuit Judge James C. Hallock accepted the plea.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Bradley Melzer said in court that at about 1:30 p.m. Sept. 21, 2016, Tasior, wearing a hooded sweatshirt and sunglasses with his face covered, entered a business in the 1-99 block of Clock Tower Plaza, Elgin. He immediately stated, "Give me your money," slammed a 12-inch ridged butcher knife on the counter, and again demanded money. An employee gave all of the money from a cash drawer to Tasior. When he demanded more money, a second employee gave Tasior money from a second cash drawer. Tasior immediately fled. One of the employees recognized Tasior's voice, realized he was a regular customer and identified him to police. Police found Tasior outside his residence a short time later. He was carrying in his pocket the knife he used during the robbery, along with more than \$1,300 in cash. Tasior immediately confessed, saying, "I'm guilty as hell."

Tasior was on parole at the time of the robbery, having previously been sentenced to a term of 18 years' imprisonment for a 2006 robbery in Cook County. He also served time in prison for a 1997 drug offense and for a 1985 burglary, both felonies in Cook County.

According to Illinois law, Tasior is eligible for day-for-day sentencing. He received credit for 407 days served in the Kane County jail, where he has been held since his arrest in lieu of \$250,000 bail.

Eugene R. Tasior, Jr.: Age 57 (d.o.b. 5-2-1960), of the 800 block of Bode Road, Elgin