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# Press Release

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## Gang Member Receives Five Year Prison Sentence

Today, May 19, 2014, Rashaad Smith pled guilty to deadly conduct, unlawful possession of a firearm on premises where alcohol is licensed to be served, evading arrest, and criminal trespass of a habitation. Smith was sentenced to serve five years in prison for his felony charges and six months in jail for his misdemeanor offenses. Smith had no previous criminal history.

Smith's prison sentence for deadly conduct stems from a gang related shooting in which Smith fired a gun in the common area of an apartment complex.

Bullets from the shooting struck two apartment units that were unrelated to the gang activity.

Smith's convictions for unlawful possession of a firearm on premises where alcohol is licensed to be served and evading arrest were the result of another gang related incident. In that incident, Smith brandished a handgun during a fight with a rival gang member. Smith then fled from police as they were responding to multiple 911 calls regarding the incident.

Assistant District Attorney Kevin



Rashaad Smith

Capps prosecuted these cases and said, "Defendants who choose to commit crimes while associating with street gangs should expect to go to prison regardless of their prior criminal record. Gang violence places innocent bystanders at risk, and it will not be tolerated in Brazos County."

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