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## Gang Member Receives 53 Year Sentence for Robbery

On Wednesday, March 19, 2014, Jacob Walton was sentenced by Judge Steve Smith to fifty-three years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for his role in an aggravated robbery.

During the trial, the jury heard evidence that Jordan Dalton was attacked in his home and severely beaten after he had won money from the defendant's gang associate, Carl Walker, in a dice game. The defendant, Walker, and a third man who has yet to be identified, then took the victim's money and his cell phone. The victim's jaw was broken and required immediate surgery.

The defendant's tear drop tattoos along with another tattoo on his arm matched the victim's description of one of the men who had attacked him. While recovering from surgery, the victim was able to make a posi-

tive identification of Walton as one of the perpetrators. Evidence was also presented that the defendant had recently instructed an associate to tell the victim not to testify in court. The jury convicted the defendant of the offense after forty minutes of deliberations.

At the punishment phase of trial, the court heard evidence of the defendant's other pending charges including resisting arrest, interference with an emergency call, four counts of assault family violence, possession of marijuana, tampering with evidence, and dealing crack cocaine. Evidence was also presented regarding the defendant's previous conviction for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in which he served five years in prison for stabbing a sixteen year old in the back. The defendant's status as a documented member of the Bloods criminal street gang, along with his many,



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tattoos signifying that status was also presented to the Court.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Kevin Capps and Ryan Calvert who said, "We would like to thank the jury for their service in this trial. Acts of violence will not be tolerated in our community, and those who would choose to side with street gangs should continue to expect the strongest possible measures of deterrence and punishment."

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