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THIBODAUX -- A Thibodaux man facing jury trials on three separate robbery-related offenses, as well as a charge of carnal knowledge of a juvenile, was sentenced to ten years in prison after agreeing to plea Tuesday morning.

William James Bryant, 22, pled guilty to two offenses, attempted armed robbery and felony carnal knowledge of a juvenile. As part of a plea arrangement with the State, separate charges of armed robbery, attempted armed robbery and attempted second degree murder were dismissed. In those cases which were dismissed, the two victims involved have been unable to identify the alleged perpetrator, and no witnesses have come forward.

Bryant was sentenced to the maximum sentence of ten years in prison on the charge of carnal knowledge of a juvenile. On the attempted armed robbery charge, the defendant was sentenced to five years in prison, which is to run concurrent to the ten-year sentence. However, the attempted armed robbery sentence is to be served without benefit of probation, parole or suspension of sentence.

"Considering the evidence against the defendant in the carnal knowledge case, we are satisfied that the maximum sentence was imposed," said District Attorney Camille A. Morvant, II. "Both our victim and her mother were satisfied with the sentence."

"Once the defendant became willing to plea to the carnal knowledge, it became easier to resolve the attempted armed robbery charge," said Assistant District Attorney Joe Soignet. "We felt that all things considered, dispensing with the need for a trial was in the best interest of both our victim and witnesses."