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LIFE IN PRISON FOR WEST SACRAMENTO LIQUOR STORE ROBBERS

Woodland, CA – December 6, 2007 – On Thursday, a Yolo County judge sentenced Cedric Hart (24) and Tyrone Rayford (21) to life in prison for their roles in a botched armed robbery at Poplar Food and Liquor in West Sacramento in November of 2005. During the robbery, the owner, who was shot in the stomach, along with his wife, who was shot in the hand, shot back at Hart and Rayford. Hart was shot in the chest. Rayford was shot in the foot. The West Sacramento Police Department subsequently captured the two men after a high speed chase that ended near Elk Grove.

In September of this year, a jury convicted both men of attempted murder, attempted robbery, and assault with a deadly weapon as well as various firearm enhancements under California's 10/20/Life gun use law.

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