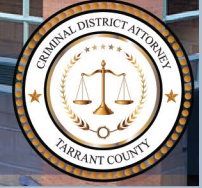


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LOST DOG SCAM TURNS INTO HOME INVASION NIGHTMARE FOR SOUTHLAKE FAMILY

(Fort Worth) – An armed robber, who gained entry into a Southlake home when his accomplice knocked on the front door claiming to be searching for his lost dog, has been sentenced to 47 years in prison by a Tarrant County jury.

Timothy Scott Scoggins, 39, was found guilty of Burglary of a Habitation with the Intent to Commit a Felony for holding members of a Southlake family at gunpoint wearing a mask and gloves while ransacking the house for jewelry and other valuables.

After convincing the female homeowner to open the door to receive a flyer about an allegedly missing dog, Scoggins' accomplice forced his way into the home, brandished a gun and used zip ties to bind her wrists. He then called Scoggins on a walkie-talkie, who quickly arrived in the mask and gloves and carrying the rifle.

While the two men were robbing the home, the homeowners' adult son arrived with a glass contractor, startling the assailants. The two robbers threatened to attack the son, but the homeowner testified when the son managed to escape the two "got scared", dropped a duffle bag containing jewelry and cash and took off, leaving behind a walkie-talkie and a glove containing DNA.

Although the victims could not identify Scoggins by his face, the DNA match to the evidence he left behind and FBI analysis of his cellphone records led investigators to Scoggins, and ultimately resulted in his prosecution.

"This family will never look at their home the same way again," prosecutor Ashlea Deener told the jury in closing arguments. *"They will think about the restraints, and being held at gunpoint. If he'd gone to a house where someone wasn't cooperative, this could have been a murder trial."*

Because of Scoggins' criminal history and using a deadly weapon in his crime, he will have to spend at least half of his 47-year sentence in the penitentiary before he is eligible for parole.

Scoggins' accomplice has not been identified, but prosecutors and Southlake Police will continue to keep the investigation open and plan to prosecute the accomplice if he is identified in the future.

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