

Man gets 10 years for one of several alleged robberies attributed to him

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A Spotsylvania jury late Thursday recommended a 10-year prison sentence for a man who robbed a county gas station last year as part of an alleged robbery spree.

Michael Anthony Pixley, 26, of Temple Hills, Md., was convicted of robbery in Spotsylvania Circuit Court following a daylong trial. He was cleared of related charges of using a firearm in the commission of a felony and wearing a mask in public.

Pixley will be formally sentenced on Sept. 24.

Pixley robbed the Sunoco station in the 5300 block of Jefferson Davis Highway early June 6 of last year. He still faces a second robbery charge in Spotsylvania as well as robbery, carjacking and other charges in Stafford and Fairfax.

According to the evidence presented by prosecutor Jeff Adams, Pixley showed up at the Sunoco in a silver sedan that had been taken in a carjacking in Fairfax a couple of days earlier. Witnesses said the robber displayed a gun and demanded cash and tobacco products from the clerk. He got about \$1,000, which was recovered when he was arrested.

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Pixley Thursday admitted that he went into the store that day. But he testified that a man he was with, a Crip gang member from Washington, was the one who went back into the store and robbed the clerk. Adams said there was no evidence of a second suspect on surveillance camera footage.

Pixley is also charged with an armed robbery at Mr. B's Exxon on Warrenton Road in Stafford that occurred about a half-hour after the Sunoco holdup. A trial in Stafford is scheduled for July 26.

Stafford deputies were on the lookout for the suspect vehicle when Deputy Adam Assur noticed a silver vehicle with damage to the passenger door. Assur checked the tags and learned about the Fairfax carjacking.

The suspect led police on a chase in which speeds reached 124 mph, the evidence showed. The suspect left Interstate 95 at Courthouse Road in Stafford and ran over tire-deflating devices police had set out in the area of Providence Street and Green Spring Drive.

The suspect ran into the woods and a lengthy search began using police dogs and drones. Pixley was finally apprehended after a search that lasted a number of hours.

Pixley is also charged in connection with an armed robbery at a Fas Mart in the Massaponax area of Spotsylvania that took place a week before the Sunoco robbery. A trial for that robbery is scheduled for Aug. 9 in Spotsylvania Circuit Court.



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