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Cleveland Man Gets 17-Years for Brutal Robbery and Rape

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By Dan Jovic | dan.jovic@fox8.com Fox8.com Reporter 12:34 p.m. EDT, September 22, 2011

CLEVELAND, Ohio— A Cleveland man was sentenced to 17-years behind bars for his role in two robberies, one of which involved a brutal attack and rape.

Fox 8 News crews were in court when Rodney Lomax, 32, received the sentence from Judge Robert McClelland.

Lomax admitted to being involved in an armed robbery back on February 14, 2009, where a 31-year-old woman and a 37-year-old man were held captive in their home at gunpoint and tied up for 11-hours.

During the armed robbery the woman was raped, while the man had his feet doused with rubbing alcohol then set on fire.

Lomax and an unknown accomplice fled the home, stealing more than \$2,700 and the male victim's vehicle.

Prosecutors say DNA from a jacket left at the scene tied Lomax to the crime and on August 8, 2011, he plead guilty to aggravated robbery.

The DNA from the jacket, according to prosecutors, tied Lomax to another robbery in April of 2008, where a 29-year-old Maple Heights resident was bound with rope at gun point and robbed of \$240 in cash.

The female victim of Lomax's attack in 2009 gave an impact statement in court prior to his sentencing.

"What happened on that day, destroyed my day, my life," said the victim. "Emotionally and physically he damaged me, and nobody has to deal with that but me and my family."

Lomax also pleaded to trafficking drugs. On November 22, 2010, Lomax was one of three individuals caught transporting two packages containing 11-pounds of marijuana.

He faced a maximum of 27-years in prison for all three cases.

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