

Teen gets 23 years for robberies

Last defendant in Citgo six case denied juvenile detention by judge

Damontez Hubbard was convicted and sentenced to 23 years in prison



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A 16-year-old boy was sentenced to 23 years in prison in Lynchburg Circuit Court on Friday for his role in the April robberies of two city convenience

stores and the shooting of a clerk.

Damontez Hubbard, 15 at the time of the robberies, was convicted and sentenced as an adult on one count of aggravated malicious wounding, two counts of robbery and two counts of use of a firearm in commission of a felony.

Aaron Boone, Hubbard's lawyer, presented evidence that the boy was nearly mentally retarded and immature for his age. Boone asked Judge Mosby Perrow to allow Hubbard to be

detained in Virginia's juvenile justice system until he turns 21.

Perrow denied the request, saying, "I believe your client is dangerous," and that he didn't think the juvenile system was appropriate.

Hubbard is the last of six defendants to be sentenced who were involved in the April 24 robbery of the Campbell Avenue Citgo and shooting of the clerk there.

Of his charges, one count of robbery and one gun charge came from the

April 16 robbery of the Sunshine Market on Pollard Street.

In that incident, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Chuck Felmlee said, Hubbard put a pistol to the head of both clerks.

In the Citgo robbery, he was one of the youths behind the counter gathering money while the crew's "mastermind," Kionne Pulley, shot the clerk in the head with a .40-caliber pistol,

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