Man gets 20 years in home robbery

Victim died 2 weeks before the sentencing

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Theodore Trevey didn't live long enough to see justice in the case of the Lynchburg man who stole his cash, jewelry and the sanctity of his home in a Christmastime robbery in 2010.

Trevey died Jan. 12, just two weeks before Stefan Hairston, 23, was sentenced for robbing the 81-year-old-man at gunpoint in his Link Road home. The daytime robbery caused area schools to be locked down.

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Attorneys painted divergent portraits of Hairston. The prosecution regarded him as the mastermind of the robbery, while defense witnesses described him as a follower, simply executing instructions out of fear.

Daniele Mason, who employed Hairston at her horse farm for four years, said he was a reliable worker who often had access to her home.

"If he was inclined to steal, he had a golden opportunity and never did," she said.

Hairston even replaced a rake he broke while working, using