

Amherst man sentenced in attempted robbery

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An Amherst man will serve seven months in jail for trying to rob a local music store manager last winter.

Ralph McCray Redden Jr., 19, pleaded guilty in April for attempting to rob Mark Walker — an employee at FYE Music Store at River Ridge mall — as he was making a night deposit at a local bank.

Walker said he was hit over the head as he was making the deposit on Dec. 19, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Chuck Felmlee said.

Police arrested Redden a short time later.

At first Redden claimed he was coming from a friend's house to meet his then-girlfriend, Samantha McCune — also an employee at the music store — who followed Walker to the bank in a separate car for security reasons, Felmlee said.

McCune told police she did not see Walker get hit because she was looking for medication in a bag when the attack happened, Felmlee said.

McCune was not charged in the case.

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