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JUVENILE SENTENCED TO THIRTY EIGHT YEARS FOR BEATING ELDERLY MAN

San Antonio, Texas:

John Ytuarte, a 16 year old who was certified and transferred to adult criminal court for Burglary with intent to commit aggravated assault and aggravated robbery was sentenced by Judge Laura Parker to 38 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division. The charges arose from the May 17, 2000, Burglary of the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Athey. Mr. Athey was 76 years old at the time of the offense and was beaten by the defendant causing injuries to his face, arms and chest. Mrs. Athey, age 69, received injuries also, but not as severe as her husband. The defendant entered a plea of guilty and the complainants testified at the punishment hearing.

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