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## **District Attorney Hoovler Announces State Prison Sentence In Warwick Robbery Case**

*Warwick Man Sentenced to 8 Years in Prison for Knife-Point Robbery of Cab Driver*

Orange County District Attorney David M. Hoovler announced that on Monday, June 12, 2017, Thomas Leon, 29, of Warwick, was sentenced to eight years in state prison, and five years post release supervision, by Orange County Court Judge Robert H. Freehill for the knife-point robbery of a taxi driver on November 22, 2016.

On March 31, 2017, Leon had pleaded guilty to Robbery in the First Degree. At the time Leon pleaded guilty he admitted that on November 22, 2016, at about 3:50 in the morning, he was the sole passenger in a taxi being driven in the vicinity of Fanchar Road, in the Town of Warwick. Leon admitted holding knife to the neck of the man driving the taxi and demanding money. The cab driver gave Leon \$200. After an investigation by the Town of Warwick Police Department Leon was arrested and charged with Robbery in the First Degree.

District Attorney Hoovler thanked the Town of Warwick Police Department for their investigation of the case and the arrest of Leon.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jeanine Kovacs

“Any defendant who threatens the use of any type of weapon to commit a robbery deserves a severe sentence,” said District Attorney Hoovler. “Taxi drivers are particularly vulnerable to this type of crime and should not have worry about being subjected to physical violence as they try to support themselves and their families. The community will be safer while the defendant is in state prison. My office, in collaboration with our partners in law enforcement, will continue to vigorously investigate and prosecute violent offenders.”

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