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524 Hwy 90 East DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435 (850) 892-8080 (Escambia County, Florida) On April 4, 2024, Lavelle James was found guilty by a jury of Robbery with a Firearm and Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. The Honorable Judge John F Simon Jr presided over the trial and sentenced the Defendant to Life in prison with fifteen years state prison to run consecutive.

In March 2023, the Defendant entered a Raceway gas station and robbed it at gunpoint in Escambia County, Florida. The Defendant took money from the cash register and fled the scene. Law Enforcement located the Defendant a short time later. The Defendant was in possession of a firearm and money. The Defendant was subsequently arrested and booked into the Escambia County Jail.

This case was investigated by the Escambia County Sheriff's Office. Assistant State Attorneys, Rob Little and Madison Stacey prosecuted the case on behalf of Ginger Bowden Madden, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida. For further information, please contact Mr. Little at (850) 595-4200.