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MAN SENTENCED IN KIDNAPPING AND ROBBERY CASE

A man who kidnapped and robbed a couple last New Year's Eve has been sentenced to 18 years in prison today.

Patrick Apodaca (dob: 11-16-87) pleaded guilty earlier this year to the most serious charge – kidnapping.

Apodaca approached a couple outside a convenience store about 10:30 p.m. on December 31, 2006. He demanded cash, and when the couple refused he forced them into their car at gunpoint and made them drive to an ATM.

In addition to 18 years in the Department of Corrections, Apodaca was ordered to pay \$500 in restitution and will serve 5 years of mandatory parole.