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### **SENTENCING IN I-PAD ROBBERY**

A man accused of stealing a newly purchased iPad from a man last year and injuring him during the robbery has been sentenced in connection with the case today.

**Brandon Smith** (08-18-89) pleaded guilty last month to aggravated robbery and second-degree assault as well as one other separate robbery. Today he was sentenced to 25 years in prison, the maximum possible sentence under the guilty plea agreement.

On April 15, 2010, Smith grabbed a bag containing an iPad from a man who had just purchased it from an Apple store. Strings from the bag were wrapped around the victim's hand and as Smith grabbed the bag there was enough force to tear away the skin from the pinky finger of the left hand, which later had to be amputated. Smith was also later charged with solicitation to commit murder after a letter was intercepted in which he was asking a friend to "take care of" the victim. He pleaded guilty to the second-degree assault count in connection with that charge.

The case was prosecuted by Denver Deputy DA Isabelle Pallares.