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GUILTY PLEA IN ROBBERY/HOSTAGE CASE

One of two young men charged in connection with a robbery and kidnapping that occurred at a Denver retail store last fall has pleaded guilty in the case.

Taveaun Williams (dob: 11-17-92) pleaded guilty yesterday to aggravated robbery and first-degree assault in connection with a robbery and stand-off at a Radio Shack store that occurred on September 7, 2012. He faces 30 years in prison when he is sentenced on July 11, 2013.

The charges alleged that on Friday, September 7, 2012, Williams and a co-defendant entered a Denver Radio Shack store and while robbing the store took an employee hostage and shot at police officers. A 6-hour standoff ended without further incident when the two defendants surrendered.

The co-defendant, **Michael Annan** (dob: 06-07-89), is still facing one count of *second-degree kidnapping* (F2), one count of aggravated robbery (F3), eleven counts of *attempted first-degree murder* (F2), eleven counts of *first-degree assault* (F3) and numerous counts of *crime of violence*. He is scheduled for trial in October.

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