

Offense

In the previous week leading up to the night of the robbery Shea was approached by his codefendant, J [REDACTED] F [REDACTED], and asked by Mr. F [REDACTED] if Shea would help him with a robbery so that Mr. F [REDACTED] could pay his court fines, thus keeping him from going back to jail. At first Mr. Dease declined to help, but after being persisted upon by his codefendant and having his living situation in a mess from not being able to pay his rent because of his addictions, Shea relented and agreed to rob Mr. F [REDACTED]'s prior place of employment with him.

Throughout the week leading up to the robbery, Shea and Mr. F [REDACTED] surveyed the Burger King they planned to rob and went to Walmart and purchased a BB gun. They were going to rob Burger King the night prior to the evening of the actual robbery occurred, but had to cancel it because Shea was not comfortable with the 8-10 customers that were in the dining area eating past closing time, so the next night they planned to show up an hour before closing and be in position by the time the Burger King closed.

On the 20th of December 2001, Shea and J [REDACTED] showed up an hour before Burger King's closing time. Mr. F [REDACTED] entered Burger King first and headed straight to the men's restroom. Then, after 5 minutes of waiting, Shea went into Burger King and headed straight to the restroom also. There they both sat in a bathroom stall for the next hour and half until J [REDACTED], based on his knowledge from previously being a night closer at this same establishment, said that the safe should be open with the night manager counting receipts and the other worker cleaning up.

They both got up and headed to the bathroom door to exit, Shea had the BB gun in his possession and when he reached to open the door it began to open because Z [REDACTED] D [REDACTED], the employee at Burger King, was just now coming in to clean the bathroom. Shea then grabbed Z [REDACTED] by the arm and pulled him into the bathroom without any complications. When Z [REDACTED] was up against the the wall, Mr. F [REDACTED] patted Z [REDACTED] down to make sure he did not have a phone on him while Shea asked Z [REDACTED] how many were out front. At this time J [REDACTED] found a \$50 bill in one of Z [REDACTED] pockets and put it into his own pocket. Shea was informed there was only one other individual in the Burger King and that she was in the office counting the money.

At this point Shea tells J [REDACTED] to watch Z [REDACTED] while he headed up front. When Shea turned the corner to go to the office, the night manager A [REDACTED] M [REDACTED], stepped out and was shocked to see Mr. Dease standing there with the only part of his person visible being his eyes. She was confused and at first thought it was somebody pulling a prank on her.