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Man Sentenced to 7 Years for Probation Violations

GALVESTON – Yesterday, Brian Anthony Cheek, 42, was sentenced to seven years in prison for engaging in organized criminal activity, following a hearing to revoke his probation.

On Monday, August 29, 2016, Cheek's probation revocation hearing began in the 122nd District Court. Cheek was sentenced to a 10 year probated sentence in 2004 and placed on probation after pleading guilty to engaging in organized crime. In 2001, Cheek and seven other individuals conspired to commit, committed burglary of a habitation, concealed stolen property, and sold stolen property.

In May 2012 the State filed a motion to revoke Cheek's probation alleging he had committed multiple criminal law violations and failed to comply with other terms of his probation. After being presented with testimony and evidence of Cheek's failure to adhere to the terms of his probation, the Court revoked Cheek's probation.

Before sentencing, the State presented to the Court testimony and other evidence regarding several of Cheek's pending Galveston County criminal cases, all alleged to have been committed between 2013 and 2014, which include two felony possession of a controlled substance cases, felony theft, and five charges of animal cruelty.

After considering the evidence and testimony, the Court returned with a verdict of seven years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Cheek will have to serve at least one-fourth of his sentence before being eligible for parole.

Cheek was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys T. Philip Washington and Virginia Frank in the 122nd District Court, with Judge Mary Nell Crapitto presiding. The investigations were conducted by the Galveston County Sheriff's Office and the Santa Fe Police Department.

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