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**Man, 19, gets 15-year term for part in robbery, shooting of deliveryman
Teen wounded worker near Columbia restaurant**

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A 19-year-old Laurel man has been sentenced to 15 years in prison for his part in the robbery and shooting of a Pizz-A-Boli deliveryman outside the east Columbia restaurant in July.

Tyron Andre Holmes of the first block of Woodland Court in Laurel was sentenced Thursday by Howard Circuit Judge Diane O. Leasure.

Holmes -- who was arrested in Prince George's County in August on a separate robbery charge -- pleaded guilty to two counts each of armed robbery and unlawful use of a handgun in the commission of a robbery.

According to court documents, a deliveryman for the Pizz-A-Boli, Ejaz Ahmed, was approached by two men while on the parking lot of the restaurant in Columbia's Owen Brown village in the early hours of July 12.

Ahmed told police he gave the men \$89 from his pocket and was ordered inside the store. The manager saw the robbery in progress and began to call police, a police report said.

Police said the robbers shot Ahmed when they saw the manager calling the police. Ahmed, who was hit in the leg as he tried to run away from the restaurant, was taken to Howard County General Hospital, treated for his wound and released.

The suspects fled in a sports utility vehicle driven by a third man, police said.

Two men identified as Dias Daniel Peyton, 23, and Russell Reynold Ridley, 26, both of Prince George's County, were arrested in August and charged in connection to the robbery.

Peyton and Ridley will go to trial this summer.

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