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In April of 2023, APD officers responded to 911 calls about a shooting at an apartment complex in Potter County. Officers arrived and found the victim, a man with a single gunshot wound. He was unresponsive on scene, and at trial, his doctor testified that if medical intervention had been delayed by even a few minutes, he would have died. The victim was transported to the hospital, and although his life was saved, as a result of the gunshot wound, he is now a paraplegic. Fragments of the bullet are still lodged in his spine. With the help of witnesses from the apartment complex, APD was able to identify the defendant, Johnny Michie Jr, as a possible suspect. Once the victim was conscious, he was able to pick the defendant out of a photo line-up. The victim described how the defendant ordered him to hand over jewelry he was wearing. The victim handed over his necklace and knelt down to take off his bracelet. He handed the bracelet to the defendant, and the next thing he remembers is being shot and lying on his back.

The defendant was indicted for aggravated robbery, a first-degree felony. In July 2026, his case went to trial in the 47th District Court of Potter County, Texas. The jury heard testimony from the victim, witnesses at the apartment complex, the ER doctor, and members of the Amarillo Police Department. The jury found the defendant guilty and next proceeded to the issue of punishment. After hearing the victim describe what his life is like now and that the defendant was on probation for felony theft at the time of this offense, the jury returned a verdict of a life sentence and a \$10,000 fine. The 47th District Attorney's Office wants to thank the Amarillo Police Department for all the effort that went into correctly identifying the defendant and working this case. We are also grateful to the victim in this case for being willing to testify not only about what happened on the day of the offense, but about how his life has been impacted. District Attorney Jason Herring said, "This verdict sends the message that Potter County will not tolerate gun violence and will stand up for those who have been wronged. The jury sent the strongest message possible that this behavior will not be tolerated."

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