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Ex-cop sentenced in extortion case

A former Detroit police officer was **sentenced** Monday to 6 months **in** a federal halfway house and 6 months of home confinement after pleading guilty to extorting \$200 **in** October from a gas station attendant.

U.S. District Judge David Lawson imposed the sentence on Aaron Scott, 25, of Southfield. Scott admitted extorting the attendant, who had chased off troublemakers with a shotgun at the station at West Warren and the Jeffries Freeway.

When Scott and his partner, Brandon Allen, showed up, they handcuffed the attendant and told him he could avoid going to jail by paying them, which he did. The transaction was recorded on the station's videotape system.

Lawson gave the same sentence to Allen **in** August and ordered both to pay restitution to the gas station.

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