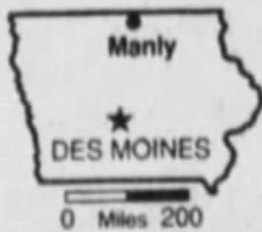


Teen gets 35 years for shooting deputy

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A Virginia teen-ager was sentenced Monday to 35 years in prison for shooting a Worth County sheriff's deputy after the holdup of a Manly video store last fall.

Jake Russell Giles, 18, of Virginia Beach was given the maximum sen-



tence — 25 years for attempted murder and 10 years for robbery, to be served consecutively — by District

Judge James Drew, who heard testimony from the wounded deputy and Giles' family at Monday's sentencing hearing.

Giles shot Deputy Chris Myers twice. Myers asked Drew to deny the family members' requests for leniency in order to send the message that shooting at police officers will not be tolerated.

Giles threatened a clerk with a gun and stole \$50 from the video store, then left in a blue van that Myers pulled over near Kensett. Giles fired 14 rounds at Myers, hitting him in the shoulder and leg, then fled on foot. Giles was found the next day walking in the middle of town in Manly.

Giles apologized Monday before being sentenced.

"I realize that what I've done was senseless and inexcusable," he said.

Drew also said Giles' actions were inexplicable.

"I can't help but try to find some logic at what you did, but I'm at a loss here," the judge said. "It is blatantly obvious that you intended to kill Deputy Myers."

Myers has since returned to work. Giles will be eligible for parole in 2034.

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