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Hofer sentenced to six years for holdup at wine/coffee shop

A former Hoopeston man was sentenced Friday to six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after he pleaded guilty to robbing a downtown eatery in July.

Circuit Judge Charles Hall pronounced sentence on Mathew Hofer, 38, for the Class 2 felony of robbery.

His prison term will be followed by one year of mandatory supervised release, according to a press release issued by Jacqueline Lacy, Vermillion County State's Attorney.

The sentence was agreed upon by Lacy's office and the defense.

During the plea, the court heard evidence that on July 3, at about 1:25 p.m., Hofer walked into 112 Wine and Coffee Shop and ordered an employee to give him all the money. Hofer pretended during the robbery that he was armed with a firearm, according to the press release.

He took the cash, fled, and was apprehended shortly after the robbery. His bond was set at \$150,000.

Hofer was paroled from the Illinois Department of Corrections on April 5, 2021, after he was incarcerated on

Skate park funding boosted

A hoped-for skate park got a boost to its bank account Sunday.

112 Wine and Coffee Shoppe held a parking lot party Sunday afternoon. The \$5 cover charge to the party - which featured Lockhart Angus grilling and music by DJ Blaze, Vibe and the Thomas Ian Nicholas Band - was earmarked for a skate park and raised \$1,157.

Bricks and Ivy Sports had agreed to match the amount raised at the party, bringing the total to \$2,314.

Volunteers earned more than \$700 working gates at the National Sweetcorn Festival and a similar amount was donated while volunteers were working. Additionally, more than \$4,000 raised more than a decade ago has been carried on City of Hoopeston books for a skate park.



HOFER

October 1, 2020 on a three-year sentence for theft of property valued at \$500-\$10,000, a Class 3 felony.

In 2006, he was sentenced in Iroquois County to two years and 6 months for aggravated battery, also a Class 3 offense. That sentence was discharged.

Following the robbery, 112 closed for the rest of the day and reopened the next day.

Earlier that day, the area filled with people attending Hoopeston's sesquicentennial parade and an autograph-signing session at Bricks and Ivy Sports across the street.

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