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### **Crime Spree Case**

Brian Hernandez-Vargas, 40, was sentenced to 91.5 months in prison followed by 60 months of probation for a drug-fueled crime spree that occurred in a 16 day period in Cape Coral in 2016.

Hernandez-Vargas first burglarized a friend's home and stole family heirlooms. He then robbed the same grocery store in Cape Coral twice in the span of just 48 hours. Both of the robberies were committed by rushing two separate female associates at the cash register and taking money. In both attacks, the cashiers, including one who was over 65, sustained injuries trying to fend him off. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured. He then burglarized the home of another acquaintance.

The defendant pled open to the court on charges of Robbery by Sudden Snatching, Robbery with a Weapon, Battery on a Person 65 or Older, Resisting an Officer Without Violence, two counts of Burglary of a Dwelling, and two counts of Grand Theft. In lieu of a trial, the law allows for a defendant to enter a plea to the court and be sentenced by the judge.

Assistant State Attorney Joshua Fredrickson handled the cases.

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