

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
FIFTH DISTRICT

JULY TERM 2010

PHILLIP KIRK JOHNSON, JR.,

Appellant,

v.

CASE NO. 5D10-1780

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Appellee.

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Opinion filed September 17, 2010

3.800 Appeal from the Circuit Court
for Lake County,
Mark J. Hill, Judge.

Phillip Kirk Johnson, Jr., Bushnell, pro se.

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Beach, for Appellee.

ON CONCESSION OF ERROR

LAWSON, J.,

Phillip Kirk Johnson, Jr., appeals the denial of his motion to correct illegal sentence,¹ claiming that the thirty-year prison releasee reoffender² sentence imposed

¹ See Fla. R. Crim. P. 3.800(a).

² See § 775.082(9), Fla. Stat. (2008).

on his 2008 conviction for attempted robbery with a firearm exceeds the maximum penalty allowed by law on that charge. The State properly concedes error.

Robbery with a firearm is a first-degree felony, punishable by life. See § 812.13(1),(2)(a), Fla. Stat. (2008). An attempt to commit the crime is reclassified as a second-degree felony, which carries a maximum penalty of fifteen years in state prison. See § 777.04(4)(c), Fla. Stat. (2008) and § 775.082(3)(c), Fla. Stat. (2008); see also *Johnson v. State*, 17 So. 3d 1290, 1291 (Fla. 2d DCA 2009) ("Robbery with a firearm is a first-degree felony, and the attempt to commit a first-degree felony is a second-degree felony."). Because of Johnson's designation as a prison releasee reoffender, the trial court must impose the maximum penalty of fifteen years. See § 775.082(9)(a)3.c., Fla. Stat. (2008).

Additionally, the information in this case alleged that Johnson actually possessed the firearm during commission of the crime for purposes of section 775.087(2)(a), Florida Statutes (2008), which requires imposition of a ten-year minimum mandatory sentence. Because the jury found that Johnson actually possessed a firearm while committing this offense, the ten-year mandatory minimum sentence must also be imposed. *Id.*; *McDonald v. State*, 957 So. 2d 605, 610-12 (Fla. 2007).

Accordingly, we reverse the order denying Johnson's motion and remand with instructions that Johnson be resentenced in accordance with this opinion.

REVERSED AND REMANDED WITH INSTRUCTIONS.

MONACO, C.J., and SAWAYA, J., concur.