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WICHITA, KAN. – Two teenagers have been sentenced for the attack of a 68 year old man. Horace Johnson of Wichita was beaten with a baseball bat and remains in a coma. He was assaulted in his home in the 2200 block of N. Piatt in May of last year. A WPD officer found Mr. Johnson’s sports car unattended and was unable to reach him. The officer contacted a nephew who found his uncle unconscious on the floor of his home. The attack had occurred at least two days earlier.

Fingerprint evidence led to Jalen Oliver, 16 of Wichita. Oliver told Wichita Police detectives he and Matthew Florez-Duran, 17 of Wichita, broke into the victim’s home and robbed him. Mr. Johnson was struck on the head with a bat several times. Twenty dollars in coins were taken along with two guns and some food. The pair left in the victim’s car but abandoned it a block away. Items from the home, along with a black baseball bat, were found in the backyard of a house in the 1700 block of N. Piatt.

The teenagers were prosecuted as adults and charged with attempted first degree murder. This morning District Judge Deborah Hernandez Mitchell sentenced Florez-Duran to 155 months in prison. Oliver received the same sentence from Judge Hernandez Mitchell two weeks ago.

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