

# Uzi wielding bandit sentenced to 6-years in prison

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*Cheektowaga Police need to ID this man who they say robbed a Sunoco gas station on July 15, 2017. (CPD photo)*

CHEEKTOWAGA – A Buffalo man who pleaded guilty to robbing a Cheektowaga gas station with an Uzi this past July was sentenced to 6-years in prison by State Supreme Court Justice John L. Michalski.

Michael Church, 39, pleaded guilty in August to three counts of Robbery in the Second Degree for the gunpoint robberies of three gas stations across Erie County according to Erie County District Attorney John J. Flynn.

The weekend robbery spree started on July 14th when he held up the Mobile gas station on Love Road on Grand Island. He stole cash from the register.

On July 15th, Mr. Church knocked over the Sunoco gas station on Union Road in Cheektowaga with an Uzi. He got away with money and cigarettes.

Then on July 16th, he robbed the Sunoco station on Delaware Avenue in the Town of Tonawanda. He took money and cigarettes.

A tip reported to Crime Stoppers Buffalo helped lead police to Church. The informant received a \$750 reward.

Justice Michalski also gave Mr. Church five years post-release supervision once he is released from prison.