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Veteran Criminal Defense Attorney Addresses Rising Concerns About Armed Robbery Charges and Constitutional Protections

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As Louisiana courts continue to handle a consistently high number of armed robbery cases, veteran criminal defense attorney David E. Stanley is emphasizing the critical importance of proper legal representation in protecting defendants' constitutional rights throughout the judicial process.

With over four decades of criminal defense experience in Louisiana, he has observed recurring issues in armed robbery prosecutions that, in his view, raise important questions about due process, evidence evaluation, and consistency in the application of sentencing guidelines. His practice has increasingly focused on ensuring that individuals charged with armed robbery receive the thorough defense guaranteed under the Constitution.

"Armed robbery charges carry some of the most severe penalties in Louisiana's criminal code, often involving mandatory minimum sentences that can fundamentally alter the course of a person's life," David E. Stanley

noted. "What many people don't realize is that the circumstances surrounding these charges are frequently more complex than they initially appear, and the difference between various levels of theft charges can result in sentencing differences spanning decades."

Louisiana law defines armed robbery as the taking of anything of value from another person through force or intimidation while using a dangerous weapon. However, David E. Stanley points out that ambiguities in witness identification, questions about whether a weapon was actually present or simply implied, and the defendant's actual intent at the time of the alleged crime can significantly affect the appropriate charges and potential outcomes.

Recent developments in forensic science, surveillance technology, and witness analysis have influenced how both prosecutors and defense attorneys evaluate evidence that might have seemed conclusive in past decades. David E. Stanley's practice employs detailed investigative techniques, reviewing police procedures, examining the chain of custody for evidence, and consulting with experts when necessary to build a comprehensive defense strategy.

"Every case deserves individual attention," David E. Stanley explained. "We've seen cases involving mistaken identity, missing or unverified weapons, and instances where coercion or duress influenced a defendant's actions. These nuances matter enormously when someone is facing 10, 20, or even 99 years in prison."

Attorney David E. Stanley also noted that armed robbery charges sometimes arise from factors such as substance abuse, mental health challenges, or financial hardship. While these factors are not legal defenses, they often provide important context for judges and juries when determining fair sentencing outcomes.

David E. Stanley, APLC, has built its practice on detailed case preparation, transparent client communication, and in-depth knowledge of Louisiana's criminal justice system. Since establishing his Baton Rouge law practice in 1983, he has represented clients facing serious criminal allegations, including violent crimes, drug offenses, and complex theft cases.

The firm serves clients throughout Baton Rouge and surrounding parishes, offering defense representation informed by decades of experience within Louisiana district courts and familiarity with local legal procedures. David E. Stanley, APLC, takes an individualized approach to each case, investing time in understanding the specific circumstances that led to charges and the client's personal situation.

"The justice system works best when both sides are properly represented," David E. Stanley said. "My role is to ensure that the prosecution meets its burden of proof, that my clients' rights are protected at every stage, and that all available defenses are thoroughly explored and presented."

Individuals facing armed robbery or other serious criminal allegations in Louisiana may contact David E. Stanley, APLC, at (225) 926-0200 to schedule a confidential consultation.

About David E. Stanley, APLC

David E. Stanley, APLC, is a criminal defense law firm based in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with over 40 years of experience representing clients facing serious criminal charges. The practice focuses on violent crimes, drug offenses, sex crimes, and vehicular homicide defense cases throughout the Baton Rouge area.

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