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Jail Contract 11-14-71

OAKLAND, Calif.—A 22-year-old armed robber has signed a contract to stay in jail the next 40 years in return for the state's dropping 11 of 13 criminal charges pending against him, including mayhem and kidnaping.

The contract was signed by Deputy District Attorney George Nicholson, who said Friday, "I don't know of any other time it was done before."

Under it, Leon Gray will serve consecutive 20-year sentences for the shootings of a San Leandro stenographer and an Oakland stage-rigger during holdups.

He also waived his right to parole, for which he ordinarily would be eligible after about 13 years.

Superior Court Judge George Phillips said he was in full accord with the agreement and will sentence Gray Dec. 2.

"The appellate courts probably won't be pleased" with the contract, Nicholson said.
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