

TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

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UPDATE: May 13, 2026



James T. Fuell, 54, of East River Street, Newton Falls, who pleaded guilty to a second-degree robbery and third-degree attempted felonious assault felonies, was today sentenced to an indefinite prison term of eight to 12 years by Judge Sean O'Brien.

The case involved the Jan. 3, 2026, robbery of a Family Dollar store in Newton Falls where a cashier was held up at knife point and the robber, identified as Fuell, made away with some \$80 in cash. Store videos showed other customers were shopping in the store at the time of the robbery.

Officers found Fuell in the parking lot within minutes of the robbery and took him into custody. Police officers recovered the cash that was taken from the register at the store.

Judge O'Brien stated the maximum term was necessary because "anything less" would demean the seriousness of the offense. Assistant Prosecutor Michael Burnett says he was happy with the sentence. Fuell was represented by attorney Carlo Ciccone.

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