## Armed Robbery is a Felony Offense in Arizona

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An off-duty police officer in Henderson, Nevada walked into a local Starbucks to order a drink. When the officer approached the counter to order, he saw <u>25-year-old Francisco Cosenza behind the counter with a gun pulling money from the register.</u>

Off-duty officer Michael Wolff had his badge and firearm on his waste and without hesitation, drew his firearm, identified himself as a police officer, and told the suspect to drop his gun. The suspect dropped his weapon, but instead of surrendering, took off for the door. An employee had locked the door shortly after the robbery began, so Cosenza ran straight through the glass. Cosenza was arrested and charged with armed robbery.

A.R.S. 13-1904 defines armed robbery in Arizona as follows:

A person commits armed robbery, if at any point during the robbery, the person:

- 1. Is armed with a deadly weapon or a simulated deadly weapon.
- 2. Uses or threatens to use a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument.

Armed robbery is a class 2 felony.

An armed robbery conviction will leave the offender facing one of the following prison sentences:

Felony Mitigated Minimum Presumptive Maximum Aggravated

Class 2 3 years 4 years 5 years 10 years 12.5 years

Armed robbery offenders face long sentences if they are caught. An experienced criminal defense attorney can make the difference between 10 years and 3 years in prison.

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