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Rogersville Man Found Guilty of Burglary

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Larry A. Booth, Jr., 34, of Rogersville, MO was convicted today by a Greene County judge of burglary in the second degree and felony stealing.

Following presentation of the evidence in an afternoon trial, the Honorable Thomas Mountjoy found Booth guilty of two counts contained in the felony information. Those counts included: Count 1, Burglary in the 2nd degree and Count 2, charging felony Stealing, both arising from the same events that took place in the summer of 2011. Booth was charged with burglary along with two co-defendants, both of whom had previously pled guilty to the same or similar charges and returned to testify against him in the trial.

“I want to recognize the co-defendants in this case first for taking responsibility for their actions by pleading guilty on their cases and for coming back to testify, with no benefit to themselves, and helping us to hold the defendant in this case accountable,” said Patterson. Co-defendants Lori Bruton and Ryder Wilson were not offered any plea deals in exchange for their testimony. In finding the defendant guilty, Judge Mountjoy found both credible after they each told the story of how the defendant and they plotted to break into an acquaintances’ home on a summer night in 2011 when the defendant knew no one would be home. They took jewelry, electronics and other irreplaceable memorabilia.

The defendant is subject to a sentence of up to 7 years on each count in the Missouri Department of Correction. Judge Mountjoy set a sentencing hearing for October 3, 2014 at 2:45 PM following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, State v.
Booth, 1231-CR02599-01

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Jody Larison. It was investigated by the Greene County Sheriff's Office and Detective Jeremy Grisham was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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