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Home Intruder Sentenced to 12 Years in Prison

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Bryan, TX – On March 31, 2022, Celso Sifuentes pled guilty to the offense of Burglary of a Habitation and was sentenced to 12 years in prison by Judge John Brick of the 272nd District Court.

In the afternoon of March 8, 2021, Celso Sifuentes broke into a stranger's home in Bryan, Texas. A few minutes before the burglary, the victim left her home to pick up her son from elementary school. When the victim and her son returned home, they discovered the front door of their house forced open and their home ransacked. Multiple items inside their home were stolen, including a child's piggy bank, a laptop, birth certificates, passports, an Xbox gaming system, games, game controllers, and jewelry.

The victim called 911 to report the burglary. The detective assigned to the case reviewed surveillance video showing Sifuentes's vehicle circling the block prior to the victim leaving her home. Within moments of the victim leaving her home, the defendant's vehicle is seen pulling into the victim's driveway. Later that day, the stolen property was found in Sifuentes's vehicle by the Bryan Police Department.

Sifuentes's criminal history included two prior convictions for burglary of a habitation. He received probation in 2009 out of Robertson County. His probation was revoked in 2016 when the defendant committed another burglary of a habitation in Brazos County. He received a four-year sentence for the Robertson County burglary and a 10-year sentence for the Brazos County Burglary of a Habitation. The defendant also has convictions for aggravated robbery and assault family violence.

The defendant burglarized the family's home in Bryan while he was on bond for credit card or debit card abuse, which he committed on October 21, 2020. Sifuentes was sentenced to 365 days in jail for credit card/ debit card abuse. This case was investigated by the Bryan Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Renson Abraham and Investigator James Woodward.

“A family's home should be a safe, protected sanctuary. The defendant destroyed this family's peace and sense of security so he can take what does not belong to him. The defendant's actions are not acceptable and will not be tolerated in our community.” —Renson Abraham, Assistant District Attorneys

