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Church Burglar Gets 12 Years in Prison July 28, 2016

Bryan, TX – On Wednesday, a Brazos County jury found James Taylor guilty of burglarizing a local church. Following the verdict, Taylor was sentenced to 12 years in prison. Brazos County Prosecutors Lori Johnston and R. Clay Kimbrough presented evidence that on October 31, 2015, Taylor broke into Greater Tabernacle Baptist Church and removed several microphones, speakers, a wheelchair, and a computer modem. Acting on a tip that the church had been burglarized, a Bryan Police Department Officer stopped Taylor one block from the scene of the crime after the Officer saw him near the stolen wheelchair with the other stolen property in tow.

At the time he was stopped, Taylor was covered in white residue which rubbed onto him when he broke a stained-glass window at the church and climbed through to gain access. All the stolen property has been returned to the Greater Tabernacle Baptist Church. After the guilty verdict, Taylor plead true to two previous convictions for Burglary of a Habitation. In those cases he was sentenced to twenty-five years and fifteen years. In addition, Taylor was previously convicted of another burglary of a building case.

This case was investigated by the Bryan Police Department.

“Taylor’s actions have shown that he will not stop stealing from others, including a place of worship. A long prison sentence is the only responsible option.”

-Lori Johnston

