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## **Felon Sentenced to 16 Years for Burglary and Possession of a Firearm by a Felon**

**April 15, 2021**

Bryan, TX – On Thursday, April 15, 2021, Associate Judge Swan sentenced Shonley Ballom to 16 years in prison for Burglary of a Habitation and Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

On Wednesday, April 15, 2020, Bryan Police Department Officers investigated a Burglary of a Habitation. The victims, a husband and wife, reported being in their bedroom around 6 a.m. when they heard footsteps approaching their bedroom door. The couple chased the suspect out of their home, before realizing that the burglar had taken a cellphone from their living room. Bryan Police Department detectives recovered the stolen phone from a ditch near the victim's residence. A warrant for Ballom's arrest was issued after his fingerprint was found on the recovered cell phone.

On April 22, 2020, Officers located Ballom after a Bryan resident reported a suspicious male attempting to access vehicles by pulling on the handles of car doors. Officers contacted Ballom, who then fled on foot. While pursuing Ballom, Bryan Police officers saw Ballom throw a handgun in the yard of a home. After recovering the handgun, it was determined that the firearm had recently been stolen from a vehicle earlier that morning. After a foot chase Ballom was taken into custody at the Brazos County Jail where he remained pending trial.

In October 2017, Ballom was sentenced to seven years in prison for two Burglary of a Habitation cases. As a result of his prior convictions, Ballom was still on parole and legally prohibited from possessing a firearm.

Investigators Tiffany Graves and Dennis Thane were instrumental in the preparation of this case. Assistant District Attorneys Nathan Wood, Tonika Davis and Renson Abraham prosecuted the case on behalf of the State of Texas.





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**“Thanks to the hard work of the Bryan Police Department our community is safe from this defendant. At a time when our community was staying home in an attempt to stop the spread of the Covid-19 epidemic, this defendant was violating the sense of safety everyone is entitled to feel in their own home. We live in a community of hardworking residents who do not deserve to have their hard-earned possessions taken from their home or vehicles.”**

**- Tonika Davis and Renson Abraham, Assistant District Attorneys**

