



# PRESS RELEASE

## Home Burglar Sentenced to Seven Years

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**Bryan, TX**— Today, Judge Travis Bryan III sentenced Shonley Ballom to seven years in prison for two Burglary of a Habitation offenses occurring on September 6th and 7th of last year. A Brazos County jury convicted Ballom of the September 6, 2016 Burglary of a Habitation in July of this year. Ballom had not been sentenced yet on this burglary. In addition to the burglaries, Ballom pled guilty and was sentenced to the maximum punishment for the misdemeanor offenses of burglary of a vehicle, evading arrest, assault family violence, and violation of a protective order.

On the night of September 6, 2016, Ballom entered the home of three Texas A&M students while they were sleeping. One of the students awoke and heard someone in his bedroom. When the student yelled at Ballom, Ballom fled and took stolen electronics with him.

The next night, a Bryan man walked into his kitchen and found that Ballom inside his home. The Bryan man chased Ballom down the street, and called the police when he lost sight of Ballom. The Bryan Police Department responded in force by setting up a perimeter and tracking Ballom throughout the night with the canine units. After an hour-long pursuit, Bryan officers apprehended Ballom and arrested him.

Bryan police detectives saw similarities between the two burglaries and executed a search warrant on Ballom's home in order to search for the stolen electronics. As a result of the warrant, the police recovered all of the property stolen in both burglaries.

Assistant District Attorneys R. Clay Kimbrough and Nathan Wood prosecuted the case and the jury decided the defendant's guilt.





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**“When someone repeatedly destroys that sense of security we have in our home, that defendant must pay a stiff consequence.”**  
**-- Clay Kimbrough, Assistant District Attorney**

