



PRESS RELEASE

Habitual Car Burglar Sentenced to 18 Years in Prison June 25, 2021

Bryan, TX – Skylar Burrell pled guilty to 9 felony charges on June 23, 2021. They included 6 charges of Burglary of a Vehicle with Previous Convictions, Unlawful Possession of Firearm by a Felon, Evading Arrest/Detention with a Vehicle, and Theft of Firearm. He was sentenced to 18 years in prison.

On December 1, 2020 at 2:20 in the morning, a Bryan police officer was sent to the Tiffany Park area on a Burglary of a Vehicle in progress. A caller reported seeing a person on his surveillance camera entering a vehicle in his driveway. The officer located a car in the area and attempted to stop it for a traffic violation. The driver fled at a high rate of speed and crashed into a yard on Green Valley Drive.

Skylar Burrell was the sole occupant removed from the vehicle. In his pocket was a handgun that had been stolen from an unlocked vehicle on Kirkwood Drive. In searching the defendant's vehicle, officers located stolen property from at least 8 different victims. All property was returned to the victims and there was no damage to any of their vehicles.

The defendant has 9 prior Burglary of a Vehicle convictions from 2009. In 2010, the defendant was sentenced to 17 months in State Jail for Credit/Debit Card Abuse for stealing property from students at the Rec Center. In 2012, the defendant was sentenced to 6 years in prison for 5 charges of Theft with Previous Convictions related to additional vehicle burglaries, as well as Unlawful Possession of Firearm by a Felon. Based upon his previous convictions, the burglary charges in this incident were enhanced to 2nd Degree felonies with a range of punishment up to 20 years in prison. These charges were prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Brian Price.

Skylar Burrell has repeatedly disregarded the property and safety rights of the citizens of this county. His steadfast refusal to respect the law and rights of others justify a stiff response.

- Brian Price, Assistant District Attorney

