



# **PRESS RELEASE**

## **Defendant Sentenced to 10 years in Prison for Burglary of Apartments August 29, 2018**

Bryan, TX – Yesterday, Judge Steve Smith of the 361st District Court sentenced Tamont Givens to ten years in prison for a College Station burglary in 2017.

In June of 2017, a College Station detective was sent to The Marc apartments to investigate a criminal trespass. Mr. Givens was found to be residing in a vacant apartment without a lease. Inside that apartment detectives found a large amount of property, the vast majority of which did not belong to the defendant.

Just a few days earlier, a downstairs neighbor had reported a burglary. The victim reported that two computers, other electronics, and collectibles had been stolen from his apartment while he was out of town. The detectives found all of that property, along with a check with the victim's name on it inside the apartment illegally occupied by Mr. Givens. At the police station Mr. Givens confessed to taking the property from the victim's residence. During the course of the investigation, detectives also found property belonging to at least two other victims.

A jury heard testimony from two College Station police detectives, the College Station police officer who took the original burglary report, and the victim of the burglary. While the jury was deliberating, the state and defendant reached a plea agreement. The defendant pled guilty to all charges and was sentenced to ten years in prison.

The case was investigated by the College Station Police Department, and the Brazos County District Attorney's Office. The case was prosecuted by Brazos County Assistant District Attorneys, Ashley Martin and Cahal McColgan.

