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## **Serial Car Burglar Receives Maximum Sentence September 21, 2020**

Bryan, TX – Teron Pratt 36, of College Station was convicted of Burglary of a Motor Vehicle with Previous Convictions for Burglary of a Motor Vehicle and sentenced to 10 years in prison yesterday by a jury in the 361st District Court.

On January 26, 2019, a College Station resident was notified by College Station Police Department officers that two trucks he used for his business were burglarized. The defendant was found near the scene carrying a backpack containing stolen property the victim identified as the property from his trucks, including a car stereo, Apple iPod, and headphones.

Inside the defendant's backpack was a screwdriver law enforcement believed was used to pry out the windows of the victim's trucks. The method of using a screwdriver or similar tool to pry open vehicle windows was similar to a another Burglary of a Motor Vehicle the defendant committed two weeks earlier in the same neighborhood.

In the punishment phase of trial, prosecutors presented evidence that on January 14, 2019, the defendant was stopped by law enforcement in the same neighborhood carrying a backpack containing two pairs of unique Ray-Ban sunglasses, which the defendant admitted were not his. The officer seized both pairs of sunglasses.

The next morning, a Texas A&M student found his vehicle burglarized with a window removed and pry marks on the vehicle. The victim reported two pairs of Ray-Ban sunglasses were missing. After the report was made by the victim, he identified his property and it was returned to him.

Prosecutors presented additional evidence of the defendant's prior criminal history, including Robbery, Assault, Prostitution, Delivery of Cocaine and Marijuana, Forgery, Theft and nine prior convictions for Burglary of a Motor Vehicle. In total, the defendant had 28 prior convictions. 18 of the prior convictions were theft related—each with a victim.





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From 2007- 2010, Pratt was convicted of nine counts of Burglary of a Motor Vehicle with Previous Convictions. In 2010 he was sentenced to 6 years in prison. The choice of the defendant to continue the same behavior was a statement that he chooses to take from the people of this community for his own profit.

The case was investigated by the College Station Police Department and the Brazos County District Attorney's Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Amanda Janssen and Renson Abraham.

**The defendant has had multiple attempts to reform his behavior. He has shown us that he will not stop victimizing the people of this community and will not respect the property of others or the law. The maximum sentence was appropriate in this case.**

- Amanda Janssen and Renson Abraham, Assistant District Attorneys

