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## Defendant Sentenced to Prison for Theft and Evading Arrest March 6, 2018

On Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 48-year-old Marlon Bryant, pled guilty to third degree Theft of Property and Evading Arrest in a Vehicle. He was sentenced to 26 years in prison for each charge and the sentences will run concurrently. Bryant faced a minimum 25-year sentence due to his prior criminal history and past prison trips.

Bryant's charges stem from an incident on June 26, 2014 when Bryant and another man went to a storage building owned by the City of College Station and stole a trailer loaded with a riding mower and a side-by-side ATV. They also loaded numerous weed eaters, trimmers, power tools, and other various lawn equipment into the truck Bryant was driving. The total value of the property stolen was around \$24,000.

Officer Jansky with the College Station Police Dept. noticed the lights on the trailer Bryant was hauling were not working, so he initiated a traffic stop. Bryant initially started to pull over for the stop, but then accelerated and drove through the ditch separating the highway from the feeder road near the Nantucket subdivision. He then drove across the feeder road and into a second ditch before stalling out.

Bryant then escaped from the scene on foot but left his wallet behind in the driver's seat. He was later arrested on a warrant. Assistant District Attorneys John Brick & Hilary Sanchez prosecuted the case on behalf of the State of Texas.

**“Theft is not simply a property crime—in this case the defendant stole peoples’ livelihoods. Thankfully Officer Jansky was quick to act and able to recover the stolen property before it impacted peoples’ ability to do their job.”**

**- John Brick, Assistant District Attorney**

