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MAN SENTENCED TO TWELVE YEARS AFTER CONVICTIONS FOR WEAPON AND
PROPERTY CRIMES

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Dennis J. Anthony Jr, 29, of Springfield, Missouri was sentenced on Friday, May 20, 2016, for convictions for unlawful possession of a firearm, three counts of resisting arrest, one count of leaving the scene of an accident, two counts of burglary, eight counts of tampering, one count of stealing, and three counts of forgery.

The defendant was convicted after a jury trial before the Honorable Thomas Mountjoy on the count of unlawful possession of a firearm. The defendant subsequently plead guilty to eighteen other counts. On June 26, 2014, the defendant was found to be in possession of a firearm. The defendant cannot possess any firearms due to his convictions for the felonies of distribution of a controlled substance and forgery. In May 2015, the defendant stole a Dodge Ram truck and fled from the police on two separate occasions. The second time the defendant fled from the police, the defendant struck a utility pole at a high rate of speed and caused thousands of dollars worth of damage. Between May 21 and May 29, 2015, the defendant was involved in a commercial burglary from S&S Motorworks and was found with five vehicles that were stolen from their business. The defendant committed two residential burglaries on July 11, 2015 and July 22, 2015. Additionally, when the defendant burglarized one of the residences, on July 11, 2015, the defendant stole numerous household items. Among the items the defendant stole were checks, which he then forged and cashed.

The defendant impacted the victims in these cases substantially. In total, the defendant cost the victims over \$48,725 in damage.

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During sentencing the state requested twelve years, citing the defendant's lengthy criminal history, the nature and circumstances of the crime, and the impact on the victims of each case. The defense asked for seven to nine years. Judge Thomas Mountjoy sentenced the defendant to a total of twelve years in the Missouri Department of Corrections, denying probation.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Dawn Diel and Elizabeth Kieseewetter. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department.

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