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**RE: GREGORY WATSON PLEADS GUILTY TO FIRST DEGREE
BURGLARY**

OZARK, MO – The Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office announced today that GREGORY WATSON, dob: 08/19/1988 of Springfield, Missouri plead guilty Friday without a plea agreement to the class B felony of burglary in the first degree in front of Christian County Circuit Judge Mark Orr. GREGORY WATSON was set to begin a jury trial on August 1, 2011 for the offense.

During the evening hours of December 14, 2010, GREGORY WATSON entered a residence in Nixa, Missouri. The homeowner awoke to his dog barking and found GREGORY WATSON standing in his laundry room. GREGORY WATSON then pulled what appeared to be a handgun and fled through the garage. The homeowner got his service weapon from his residence and chased after GREGORY WATSON. A vehicle was observed driving away from the residence at a high rate of speed. A purse, replica pistol and video games were stolen from the residence. GREGORY WATSON was caught on ATM camera attempting to use the homeowners ATM card at a Great Southern Bank in Springfield.

Formal sentencing is set for September 2, 2011. As there was no plea agreement with the Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, GREGORY WATSON faces the entire range of punishment of five (5) to fifteen (15) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

