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**RE: GREGORY WATSON RECIEVES SEVEN YEARS FOR FELONY
BURGLARY AND FELONY STEALING**

OZARK, MO – The Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office announced today that GREGORY WATSON, dob: 08/19/1988 of Springfield, Missouri was sentenced on Friday September 2, 2011, by the Honorable Mark Orr, to seven years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for the class B felony of Burglary in the First Degree and seven years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for the Class C felony of Stealing. The sentences are to run concurrent with each other. There was no plea agreement with the Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, GREGORY WATSON had previous plead guilty instead of going to jury trial.

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 a 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 with cash and credit cards, 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 a short time after the crime was reported to law enforcement.

"I am glad for the victims that this case was resolved quickly and with the defendant going to prison" stated Amy Fite, Christian County Prosecuting Attorney. The crime occurred on December 14, 2010.