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RE: JEFFERY KING PLEADS GUILTY TO 2013 BURGLARY

OZARK, MO – The Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office announces that on January 22, 2016, Jeffery S. King, dob: 10/25/1971, pleaded guilty to a 2013 burglary in front of the Honorable Judge Laura Johnson.

King pleaded guilty to the class B felony of first-degree burglary, two counts of the class C felony of second-degree assault, armed criminal action, and misdemeanor property damage for an event that occurred on July 12, 2013.

A male had broken into a residence on Burk Road in Highlandville, and assaulted two individuals. He then broke a picture window on his way out of the residence. Blood on a bandage was found outside the home. After a DNA analysis, including a Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) hit and subsequent reference sample comparison, Jeffery S. King was determined to be the male.

Pursuant to a plea agreement, King received sentences of 15 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections on the first-degree burglary and second-degree assault. He received a five (5) year sentence on the armed criminal action count, and 180 days on the property damage count. All sentences to run concurrent to each other.

He pleaded guilty as a prior and persistent felony offender. King had prior convictions for burglary out of the St. Louis area.

The range of punishment for a class B felony is five (5) to fifteen (15) years incarceration. The range of punishment for a class C felony is one day up to seven (7) years incarceration and/or a fine not to exceed \$5000. Since the Defendant pleaded guilty as a prior and persistent felony offender that increased the range of punishment of the class B felony charge up to 30 years, or life, and class C felony charges up to 15 years incarceration.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Anna Bunch. The case was investigated by the Christian County Sheriff's Department, and the DNA analysis was conducted by the Missouri State Highway Patrol crime lab in Springfield, Missouri.