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**RE: JAMES DYLAN MCGINNIS PLEADS GUILTY TO SPARTA PD BURGLARY**

OZARK, MO – The Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office announces that on March 31, 2017, James Dylan McGinnis, dob: 04/19/1991, pleaded guilty in front of the Honorable Eric Eighmy.

McGinnis pleaded guilty to the class B felony of first-degree burglary and three counts of the class C felony of receiving stolen property for an event that occurred on February 19, 2016.

On February 19, 2016, Deputies were dispatched to Sparta Police Department. It was determined that items were stolen from the Police Department, including two AR-15s, a shotgun, a large quantity of ammunition, several uniforms, bullet proof vests, a laptop computer, and other electronic items. The total value of the stolen items was estimated at over \$10,000.

Deputies gathered information from several individuals who stated that there were two individuals that committed the burglary of the Sparta Police Department. McGinnis was the individual identified as the person that went inside the building.

Pursuant to a plea agreement, McGinnis received a maximum sentence of 15 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections on the first-degree burglary. He received sentences of seven (7) years on the receiving stolen property counts. All sentences to run concurrent to each other.

In addition, pursuant to the plea agreement, McGinnis was ordered to pay \$13,881.24 in restitution to the City of Sparta.

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.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Anna Bunch. The case was investigated by the Christian County Sheriff's Department, and the lead detective was David Loe.