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## ***WOODRUFF MAN RECEIVES 30-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR CRIME SPREE***

A Woodruff man received a 30-year prison sentence today after he admitted to 16 residential burglaries in the Moore and Roebuck communities.

Donald Hamilton Hill, 47, pleaded guilty to 16 counts of first-degree burglary. He will serve more than 25 years of Circuit Judge Mark Hayes' prison sentence before he is eligible for release.

The crime spree occurred between Oct. 27, 2008 and May 11, 2009 when Hill broke into a local residence and got into a fight with a Roebuck homeowner. Hill left traces of blood inside the home and sheriff's deputies used the DNA evidence to connect the defendant to the crime. Deputies arrested Hill the next day.

The crime spree occurred during daylight hours. Hill knocked on the door of the residences to verify that nobody was home before he forcibly entered. He stole electronics and jewelry and sold the stolen property to support his addiction to crack cocaine, Assistant Solicitor Zach Ellis said.

Several of the burglary victims appeared in court today and asked Judge Hayes to impose a tough sentence.

Hill's prior criminal record dates back to 1982 with a dozen convictions for theft-related charges.

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