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## **SPARTANBURG MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE FOR 11<sup>TH</sup> BURGLARY**

From the Office of Seventh Circuit Solicitor Barry J. Barnette

A Spartanburg man has been sentenced to life in prison without parole for Burglary in the First Degree as well as a concurrent ten (10) year prison sentence for Petit Larceny as a third or subsequent property offense.

Keith Vincent Brown, 55, was tried and found guilty of Burglary in the First Degree and Petit Larceny. The trial began on Wednesday in Spartanburg. Circuit Court Judge Grace Gilchrist Knie presided over the trial, received the jury's guilty verdict, and then issued the sentence on Thursday, March 16, 2023. The ten (10) year prison sentence for a third or subsequent conviction of a property crime, Petit Larceny, will run concurrently with the life without parole sentence for Burglary in the First Degree.

The crimes occurred at a home on Parris Bridge Road on October 5, 2021, around 8:00 p.m. Family members driving by the victim's home noticed an unfamiliar vehicle in the driveway and an unknown man walking around inside the home. The family members called 911. A short time later officers with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Department arrived at the home where a window had been broken and items including a television, remote control, and wallet had been stolen. Officers searched the surrounding area. Keith Vincent Brown was located a short distance from the home. In his jacket pocket Mr. Brown had a wallet belonging to the homeowner as well as multiple identification cards and a television remote control which had been stolen from the home.

Brown's prior criminal history included convictions for two counts of Grand Larceny, eight counts of Petit Larceny, Bribing an Officer, Assault and Battery in the Third Degree, two counts of Resisting Arrest, two counts of Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature, and other offenses. Further, Brown has ten prior burglary convictions.

Assistant Solicitor Spenser Smith prosecuted Brown. Assistant Solicitor Smith remarked that Thursday's conviction was Brown's eleventh conviction for burglary and, "thankfully for the citizens of Spartanburg County, it will be his last."

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