

BOILING SPRINGS TEEN RECEIVES 20-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE VIOLENT HOME INVASION

A Boiling Springs teen received a 20-year prison sentence after he admitted to breaking into the home of an elderly woman and cutting her with a knife during a robbery that netted \$20 and a DVD player.

Thea Bun, 18, pleaded guilty to first-degree burglary, armed robbery and assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature on Tuesday. He will serve 85 percent of Circuit Judge Derham Cole's prison sentence before he is eligible for release.

Bun and two other teens broke into a Springdale Circle home on Sept. 24, 2008. The 65-year-old victim told sheriff's deputies she discovered the men inside her home about 4:30 p.m. Bun used the knife to cut the victim on her left hand. He also grabbed her right wrist and dragged her around the home while the other men searched for valuables. Spartanburg County Emergency Medical Services treated the victim for her minor injuries.

"In addition to the loss of property, Thea Bun robbed this lady of the safety and security that she should feel in her own home," Principal Deputy Solicitor Barry Barnette said.

A fingerprint left at the crime scene enabled sheriff's deputies to identify Bun as a suspect. Bun admitted his involvement in the crime during an interview with deputies. Armed robbery and first-degree burglary charges are still pending on Mark Alan Mize, 19 and Kyle Leroy Roberston, 19, both of Boiling Springs.

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