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Luling Burglar Sentenced to 35 Years

St. Charles Parish District Attorney Joel Chaisson, II and Sheriff Greg Champagne announce the conviction of Dwayne Earl Blair, Jr. male, 31 years of age, on four counts of Burglary in the Luling, Louisiana area.

Appearing before Judge Emile St Pierre, Blair, plead guilty today to four counts of Burglary and was sentenced to 35 years in prison without benefit of probation or parole. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Kim McElwee and Connie Aucoin.

In April 2012, several St. Charles Parish residents were victimized when Blair went on a multi-parish crime-spree, which showed no signs of abating before his apprehension on April 25, 2012 by St. Charles Parish Detectives. These burglaries took place during the daytime hours. After discovering other area agencies experiencing similar burglaries, Sheriff Champagne created and hosted a Multi-Agency Task Force to compare and share information from these agencies and to work collectively on the follow-up on leads.

"I want to thank all the agencies serving on the taskforce for their hard work and dedication. Crimes of this nature really hit home for everyone," said Sheriff Champagne. "I also want to thank District Attorney Joel Chaisson, II for standing firm with his prosecution of these crimes. Through everyone's efforts and working together, I am pleased that Blair will not have an opportunity to victimize St. Charles Parish Residents for a long, long time," Champagne added.

District Attorney Chaisson praised Sheriff Champagne and his detectives and deputies for their diligent and thorough investigation leading to the swift apprehension and prosecution of Blair. Chaisson stated, "I am hopeful that sentences such as this one will convey the clear and stern message to other would-be burglars that they will be held strictly accountable for breaking into the homes of St. Charles Parish residents. We will not tolerate crimes of this nature that jeopardize the safety and well-being of our citizens."

Blair has similar charges pending in other parishes.