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Defendant's Name: Trevor Conklin
Age: 22
City and State of residence: Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal File Number: 13-272
Convicted of: Two counts of 1st Degree Burglary - (F2) 22-32-1(3)
Date of Sentence: November 18, 2013
Arresting Officer: DCI SA Brian Schnabel – South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigations

Case Synopsis:

During the night hours of November 17 or the early morning hours of November 18, Trevor Conklin and a co-defendant spent hours casing houses in Beresford, SD. When the two would find a residence unlocked, they would enter the residence and take items that were easy to carry and to sell and leave the items in the grass near the mail box or someplace that was easily accessible from the road. When they were done, they would drive their car by the houses that they had burglarized and pick up the items that they stole from the houses. Following their activities, the owners of at least six homes reported to the Beresford police that their homes, garages, and vehicles in their garages had items stolen from them. Additionally, in several of the residences, one or more of the burglars had defecated on the floor inside the residence or garage.

The Beresford police department did not have a suspect in the case until the Minnehaha County Sheriff's office had arrested Trevor Conklin with items from burglaries in multiple counties including some of the items for the Beresford burglaries, in Union County. Initially, Conklin denied any involvement in the Union County offenses. In 2013, the State's Attorney's Office pulled this file from its decline to prosecute file and asked Special Agent Brian Schnabel, to take the cold case and see if there was anyway to move this file forward. Conklin was found in the Teen Challenge program in Brookings, SD. Conklin's enrollment in the religious based program was instrumental in his decision to admit to the six burglary offenses that occurred on November, 2010.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge of 1st Degree Burglary, the Court sentenced Conklin to a suspended fifteen-year sentence with five years of supervised probation.

On the second charge of 1st Degree Burglary, the Court sentenced Conklin to a suspended fifteen-year sentence with five years of supervised probation.

The Court further ordered that Conklin must pay all, restitution, fines, court costs, prosecution costs, and court-appointed attorney fees as a term and condition of satisfying probation on each file. Additionally, the Court ordered that all the sentences shall be concurrent with each other. Conklin was able to remain in the Teen Challenge Program.

Criminal History Synopsis:

Conklin has several felonies on his criminal history report.