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Defendant's Name: Robert B. Asher II
Age: 25
City and State of residence: Sioux City, IA
Criminal File Number: 13-370
Convicted of: Grand Theft (F6) 22-30A-17 & 22-30A-1
Date of Sentencing: March 17, 2014
Arresting Officer: Chief Bill McKelvey – Jefferson, SD

Case Synopsis:

On October 31, 2013, the Jefferson police responded and investigated the burglary of the Janet Johnson's apartment. An eyewitness reported seeing Robert Asher II, Jason McDonald, and Zunilda Reyes-Vega working in concert in removing items out of Johnson's apartment. Items taken include multiple televisions, about 100 DVDs, and DVD players, along with other items with a value of approximately \$1,400 dollars. Asher was arrested and turned states evidence against the two co-defendant. Asher advised that he was originally told that they were only going to recover some of the items that they had left in the apartment when they were living with Johnson. Asher admitted that he should have known that he was participating in a grand theft and burglary when about 100 DVD's and multiple televisions were removed from the residence when neither Jason McDonald nor Zunilda Reyes-Vega had ever claimed that those items were theirs.

Sentencing Synopsis:

Robert B. Asher II received a suspended imposition of sentence. Asher was placed on supervised probation for three (3) years. The further ordered Asher to spend 10 days in the Union County Jail. The Court further ordered that Asher must pay all, restitution, fines, court costs, prosecution costs, and court-appointed attorney fees. In the event Jason McDonald, and Zunilda Reyes-Vega are caught on their warrants for arrest, the restitution in this file will be addressed as joint and several with Asher.

Criminal History Synopsis:

This is the first career felony conviction for Robert B. Asher II. If Asher satisfies his probation without any violations at the end of probation, this conviction will be erased from Asher's criminal history.