

# Union County State's Attorney

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## Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Stuart Peterson Jr.  
Age: 19  
City and State of residence: Sioux City, IA  
Criminal File Number: 14-223  
Date of Arrest: 5/24/2014  
Date of Indictment: 6/28/2014  
Date of Arraignment: 9/15/2014  
Date of Sentence: 9/15/2014  
Offenses Charged: Count 1: 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Burglary (F3) 15/30  
Count 2: 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Petty Theft 22-30A-17.2  
Convicted of (Offer): Count 1: Misprision of a Felony (M1) 1/2 SDCL 22-11-12  
Arresting Officer: Chief Bill McKelvey – Jefferson Police Chief  
Lt. Jason Bergsma, Sioux County Sheriff's Office  
Trooper Dave Driesen – Iowa State Police  
Bond: \$5,000 C/S  
CAA: Rachel Rasmussen - Appointed

### Case Synopsis:

On or about May 24, 2014, Trooper Dave Driesen of the Iowa State Police department pulled over Stuart Peterson Jr., and Ty'Londus Watkins. During the traffic stop the subject of the ownership of the television that was in the vehicle was addressed. Upon further questioning, both subjects admitted that they did not own the television or the vacuum cleaner which they took from a residence in Jefferson, SD. Both Peterson Jr., and Watkins admitted to the charge of possession of stolen property in Sioux County, IA

### Sentencing Synopsis:

Both Ty'Londus Watkins and the co-defendant, Stuart Peterson Jr., were convicted in the State of Iowa for the possession of the stolen property that they had in their possession that they admitted came from the victim's apartment in Jefferson, SD. According to Peterson, he knew or should have known that Watkins was not licensed or privileged to enter the victim's residence during the date and time in which the items were stolen. As such, Peterson entered a no contest plea to the charge of Misprision of a Felony. The Court sentenced Peterson to serve a sentence of 30 days in the Union County Jail, and costs of \$84.00 in Court Costs; \$10.00 in Prosecution Costs and \$230.55 in court-appointed attorney fees.

### Criminal History:

This is a class 1 misdemeanor on Mr. Peterson's criminal history. Pursuant to Stuart Peterson's record, he is required to register as a sex offender where ever he lives and where ever he works.