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PRESS RELEASE

Joseph White Receives 15 Year Sentence

FREDERICK- Joseph P. White, age 21, of Frederick, MD, appeared before the Honorable Theresa M. Adams was sentenced to a total of 60 years and 6 months in the Division of Corrections, with all but 15 years suspended. Upon release, the defendant will be placed on 5 years of supervised probation.

On August 29, 2017, Joseph White entered guilty pleas in 4 cases, to include 2 counts of First Degree Burglary, Conspiracy to Commit First Degree Burglary, Theft less \$1,000, Possession of CDS – Marijuana, as well as stipulating to a Violation of Probation for new convictions. Sentencing was postponed for a Pre-Sentencing Investigation to be completed.

On September 2, 2016, the defendant broke into a residence, stole and then subsequently used the victim's credit card. The defendant was identified through video surveillance of one of the transactions.

In early March of 2017, the Frederick Police Department and Frederick County Sheriff's Office began receiving numerous reports of residential burglaries with a similar pattern. Joseph White was developed as a suspect through their investigation. On April 14, 2017, surveillance was conducted on the defendant and the vehicle in which he was a passenger, which ultimately resulted in the defendant being arrested on that date. A search of the vehicle in which White had been the passenger, as well as a search of the Defendant's room at his parent's residence, resulted in the recovery of numerous items identified by victims as having been stolen from the burglarized residences.

On October 27, 2016, a traffic stop was conducted in which the defendant was the driver. The deputy smelled a strong odor of raw marijuana. Approximately 178 grams of marijuana, a black digital scale and \$520 in currency was located.

The State was represented by Chief Assistant State's Attorney Jason Shoemaker.

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