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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: November 6th, 2015
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Re: Burglar of 77 Year Old's Sentimental Items Sentenced to Twenty Years

Greeley, CO –On Friday, November 6th, The Honorable Judge Thomas Quammen sentenced Nicholas Fredrick (DOB 10/13/1991) to twenty years in the Colorado Department of Corrections. On October 15th, 2015, Fredrick was found guilty by a Weld County jury of Burglary, a class three felony and Theft of \$20,000-\$100,000, a class 4 felony.

Along with two co-defendants, Fredrick burglarized the home of a 77-year old victim shortly after she left her home the morning of March 3rd, 2015 in Mead, Colorado. After breaking through the victim's door, they proceeded to steal over \$53,000 worth of property, including her deceased husband's engraved ipod and wedding rings. The trio was apprehended when one of them attempted to pawn the items the Weld County Sheriff's Office had identified as stolen.

Deputy District Attorney Michael Pirraglia poignantly described Fredrick's acts in his sentencing argument stating "It's not just a property crime. [The Victim] will likely be startled by even the slightest creak in the night for the rest of her life. It causes a ripple effect through the entire town and very serious crimes deserve very serious consequences".

It was also argued that due to the defendant's five previous felony convictions, Fredrick has demonstrated a clear pattern of criminal activity and behavior and accepts no responsibility for his actions.

Judge Quammen specified in his ruling "The Colorado Victim Rights Amendment requires the court consider the impact crimes have on victims. I don't believe this was just a common burglary. Beyond her lost feelings of safety in her own residence, [The Victim]'s property was not only worth a large sum of money, but of even greater sentimental value."

The judge then handed down the twenty year sentence for the burglary and six years to be served concurrently for theft including Fredrick's 241 days of pre-sentence confinement towards time served.

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The case was successfully prosecuted by Deputy District Attorneys Michael Pirraglia and Patrick Roche. Weld County District Attorney Michael J. Rourke praised law enforcement as well as his prosecutors after sentencing saying “I commend our prosecutors on a job well done seeking justice. Though no sentence can return the irreplaceable items that were stolen from the victim, we hope she, her neighbors, and the communities surrounding Mead can rest a bit easier knowing Mr. Fredrick has been held accountable for his crimes.”

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