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### **18-Year Sentence for Residential Burglary and Possession of Contraband in a Penal Institution**

Kendall County State's Attorney Eric Weis announced that Frederick E. Spencer Jr. (dob: 09/27/1979, 308 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street) of Aurora, Illinois was sentenced to 18 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by the Honorable Robert Pilmer for multiple counts of Residential Burglary and one count of Possession of Contraband in a Penal Institution after pleading guilty back in October of 2020. 2021. Spencer received 12 years for six separate charges of residential burglary and six additional years for possessing contraband in the Kendall County Jail as part of an agreed sentence earlier this month.

According to State's Attorney Weis, during the months of October and November of 2018, several residential burglaries were reported to the Kendall County Sheriff's Office. During one of those offenses, an IPAD was stolen by the suspect. Due in part to the quick thinking of the victim in that case, the IPAD's location was traced by the Kendall County Sheriff's Office to a residence in Aurora where Spencer was located. Multiple items of stolen merchandise were recovered at the time of Spencer's initial arrest and more evidence was recovered after arrest due to the diligence of the detective working these cases. Digital cell phone data recovered by police played a crucial part in placing Spencer at the scene of other unsolved residential burglaries. The IPAD location was critical to solving these cases and securing the convictions against Spencer. Weis further related that Spencer was also found to have possessed an item of contraband while in custody at the Kendall County Jail which resulted in an additional charge against Spencer.

Weis commented that Spencer has been previously sentenced to prison on seven prior occasions and has a lengthy criminal history. Weis stated that "This individual has no regard for the rules of society. His actions show that even in custody, he fails to follow the law. A sentence of this length is necessary for someone who continues to violate the law."

Spencer will be required to serve 3 years of mandatory supervised release after he serves his 18-year prison sentence. The case was prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorney Frank Gorup, and Spencer was represented by Attorney Brian Erwin.