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Anne Arundel County Man Sentenced to 12 Years in Prison for Burglaries in Howard County

Howard County, MD (February 14, 2020) – John Dunnigan, age 39, was convicted of two counts of 2nd degree burglary and sentenced to 12 years in prison today by Howard County Circuit Court Judge Richard S. Bernhardt for break-ins that took place at two separate locations in Elkridge, MD last year.

On September 1, 2019, at approximately 1:16 AM, Dunnigan threw a rock through the front glass entrance door at Cindy's Spirits, a liquor store located in the 7200 block of Montgomery Road in Elkridge. Dunnigan then entered the store and walked behind the front counter. While behind the counter, Dunnigan took approximately \$300 dollars in cash from a drawer below the cash register. He also stole two packages of cigarettes worth about \$7.00 each. The incident was captured on the store's surveillance camera.

Howard County Police responded to the incident that evening and reviewed surveillance video from the store which showed Dunnigan inside. They searched the area surrounding the liquor store for Dunnigan.

On September 2, 2019, at approximately 6:44pm, Dunnigan threw a rock through the front glass entrance door to the Jiffy Lube located in the 6200 block of Washington Boulevard in Elkridge. Dunnigan then entered the shop, walked to the front counter and searched the drawers and cabinets looking for money. A short time later, Dunnigan exited the shop. The incident was captured on the store's surveillance video. It did not appear Dunnigan took anything from the store.

Howard County Police responded to the incident and retrieved the surveillance video from the Jiffy Lube store. A staff member took an inventory of the shop and reported that nothing was missing. Police began searching the area surrounding the shop for Dunnigan. On September 3, 2019, police observed Dunnigan, who matched the image of the person in the surveillance video, in the nearby vicinity. He was placed under arrest and transported to a Howard County police station where Dunnigan later confessed, on record, to burglarizing both the automotive oil change specialty shop and the liquor store.

Howard County Deputy State's Attorney Joshua J. Felsen prosecuted the case.

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