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For Immediate Release:

Odenton Man Sentenced to Prison for a Burglary Spree Resulting in Tens of Thousands of Dollars in Stolen Goods

Howard County, MD (May 21, 2021) – Markus JuJuan Swinson, age 36, pleaded guilty yesterday and was sentenced to eight years in prison for a series of burglaries and thefts in the county. Swinson was investigated for committing 23 burglaries over a six-month time period from November 2019 to April 2020. Evidence obtained during these investigations led to a grand jury returning an indictment for over a dozen burglaries.

Howard County Detectives identified Swinson as a suspect after a burglary at Lenny's Towing in Elkridge on March 26, 2020. The tools that were stolen in that burglary were found for sale online and were linked back to Swinson. In April of 2020, Swinson was arrested and initially charged with six burglaries. Following the arrest, detectives continued their investigation and identified Swinson as the suspect in 17 additional burglaries. Police discovered that Swinson was targeting local businesses to steal construction and landscaping tools. Police estimate the equipment that was stolen, and damage done to steal the equipment is over \$50,000.

Here is a list of the commercial burglaries Swinson was charged with in this case:

- Nov. 5, 2019, Dayton: Absolute Landscape & Turf, Bowen's Bus Service, ASC Heating & Air
- Nov. 16, 2019, Jessup: First Impression Hardscapes, Forest Valley Tree & Turf, U.S. Pools
- Jan. 2, 2020, Jessup: BrightView Landscaping
- Jan. 10, 2020, Hanover: Environmental Maintenance Services
- Jan. 11, 2020, Elkridge: Barrett & Sons, W.F. Wilson & Sons
- Jan. 31, 2020, Laurel: LandCare, Romano Concrete Construction
- Feb. 6, 2020, Clarksville: construction site
- Feb. 7-10, 2020, Dayton: Absolute Landscape & Turf
- Feb. 8, 2020, Glenwood: Cattail Creek Country Club
- Feb. 15, 2020, Laurel: construction site
- Feb. 18, 2020, Jessup: Heil Plumbing
- Feb. 25, 2020, Sykesville: New Direction Utilities, Garrett Barrel and Drum, Jeffrey K Rogers, Inc.,
- March 26, 2020, Elkridge: Lenny's Towing, construction site

Senior Assistant State's Attorney Natasha Byus prosecuted this case.

