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State v. Donnie Ray Taulbee
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Montgomery County Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. reported that **Donnie Ray Taulbee**, 35, received a sentence of 18 years for his conviction of multiple felony counts.

The defendant was convicted of seven counts of Burglary. These burglaries of homes were committed in Butler Township, Centerville, Clay Township, Dayton, Englewood and Miami Township, during November and December, 2008.

At the time of the burglaries, the defendant was on probation for committing multiple felonies including receiving stolen property, grand theft motor vehicle, breaking and entering, vandalism and theft.

The defendant was sentenced to consecutive two year sentences on each of the burglary counts he was convicted of in this case, and received an additional four years incarceration for the prior cases for which he was on probation. The additional four years incarceration was also ordered to be served consecutively, making his total sentence 18 years in prison.

Montgomery County Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. said, "This defendant, despite being given probation after committing prior offenses, still committed seven additional break-ins in Montgomery County. He forced entry into all seven homes, and took a number of items, some of which held sentimental value to the victims. This defendant violated the victims and their homes and robbed them of a feeling of safety and security."

Heck also commended the different law enforcement departments for their excellent work to identify this defendant. "This is an excellent example of how different jurisdictions can cooperate and share intelligence to catch a career burglar." Heck said.

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