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NEWS RELEASE

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Today, Humboldt County District Attorney Maggie Fleming announced that yesterday, Michael Otis Springs was sentenced by Judge Marilyn Miles to a total of eight years and eight months in prison after being convicted of two residential burglaries and one commercial burglary. Residential burglary is a felony with a possible sentence of 2 to 6 years, while commercial burglary may be a felony or a misdemeanor.

The most recent crime occurred on October 7, 2016, when the residents arrived at their home in Freshwater to find the defendant standing in their garage. When deputies arrived, the defendant provided them with a false name and date of birth, and indicated he was in the residence to meet a friend and conduct some business. Damage and loss from this incident exceeded \$25,000. Springs burglarized a residence in Trinidad in March of 2016, breaking into the home on two occasions while the homeowner was away. Springs was also convicted of burglarizing the Trinidad Water Treatment Plant in October of 2015.