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REPEAT BURGLAR PLEADS GUILTY BEFORE TRIAL

Kingston, NY—On Monday January 8, 2024, Frederick Pilz, age 40, of Saugerties, pled guilty to the top count of his indictment charging him with Burglary in the Second Degree, immediately before jury selection was due to commence. The matter was scheduled for trial this week in Ulster County Court. The conviction stemmed from defendant going to a residence in the Town of Marbletown on February 16, 2023 and stealing a television. Defendant had been at the residence the day before, performing work he was hired to do. Four days later on February 20, 2023 defendant went to his employer's business and stole tools. The employer called the police the next day when he noticed the business was again broken into and some cash was missing.

This conviction was made possible due to the excellent investigatory work by the Ulster County Sheriff's detectives and the New York State Police investigators. Defendant was wearing an ankle monitor and being supervised by the Greene County Probation Department after being released to pre-trial supervision for a pending burglary in Greene County. After denying his direct involvement in the burglary during a police interview, defendant pleaded guilty yesterday before Judge James Farrell and stated that he knowingly and unlawfully entered the residence in Marbletown and stole property.

The defendant will be sentenced as a predicate violent felony offender having been previously convicted of Burglary in the Second Degree in 2012 and convicted of felony drug sales in 2010.

The case was prosecuted by **Deputy Chief Assistant Paul Derohannesian**. The defendant was represented by attorney **Matthew Mahan**.

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