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SAUGERTIES MAN SENTENCED TO MAXIMUM STATE PRISON TERM FOR BURGLARIES OF KINGSTON BUSINESS AND APARTMENT BUILDING

Kingston, NY—Antoine Scott, age 47, of Saugerties, pleaded guilty to Burglary in the Third Degree and was sentenced to the maximum sentence of 3 ½ to 7 years in State Prison before the Honorable Bryan E. Rounds on January 16, 2025.

On July 1, 2024, around 1 a.m., the defendant entered a barbershop located at 594 Broadway in the City of Kingston and stole hair clippers and miscellaneous DeWalt power tools valued in the amount of \$1,150. The next day, the defendant entered the parking garage of 20 Cedar Street and stole a Stihl-brand powerhead, string trimmer attachment, hedge trimmer attachment, leaf blower, and Green Works power washer, all valued at \$2,164.05. The Kingston Police Department arrested Scott on July 26, 2024 following an investigation that included a thorough review of video surveillance from the area. Antoine Scott gave a full confession; he is a lifelong Ulster County resident with 30 misdemeanor convictions and 5 prior felony convictions since 1998.

"This defendant has been given numerous opportunities for rehabilitation; but it seems he feels immune to our laws and the rights of the community. In these most recent crimes he preyed on a local small business and a residential building that serves the elderly and working families in Kingston. For 26 years he has not relented. The people of Ulster County and our criminal justice apparatus need a break from him," said District Attorney Emmanuel C. Nneji.

This case was prosecuted by **Assistant District Attorney Sohil Sharedalal**, who also serves as the Animal Crimes Unit Chief. Defendant was represented by **Assistant Public Defender Valerio Russo** of the Ulster County Office of the Public Defender.

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