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PROLIFIC BURGLAR LARRY SAMUELS SENTENCED TODAY TO 25 to 50 YEARS IN STATE PRISON

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (June 5, 2018) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele announced that convicted burglar Larry Samuels, 40, of Philadelphia, was sentenced by the Honorable William R. Carpenter today to 25 to 50 years for burglarizing approximately 88 residences in five counties. The sentence also includes an order for the defendant to pay \$45,000 in restitution for victims.

The sentence was imposed by Judge Carpenter after Samuels was found guilty in a stipulated bench trial on Friday, June 1, 2018. Samuels was found guilty of 10 felony Burglaries, 53 felony and misdemeanor counts of Theft by Unlawful Taking and multiple counts of Criminal Mischief.

Samuels was arrested June 24, 2015, and charged in connection with multiple burglaries and attempted burglaries between August 31, 2014 and July 19, 2015, which occurred in Montgomery, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Philadelphia counties. The burglaries followed a pattern: they occurred near SEPTA regional rail stops; items unwanted by the burglar were left strewn in yards on the way to the next home; and the burglar would sometimes take food and drinks from the home. Money, cell phones, Apple electronic devices and purses were the most common articles stolen from homeowners.

The investigation, led by Cheltenham Township Police, involved police from Abington Township, Upper Dublin Township, Jenkintown Borough, Lansdale Borough, Lower Merion Township, Whitmarsh Township, Lower Gwynedd Township, Hatfield Township and Springfield Township in Montgomery County. They were aided by Pennsylvania State Police—Media Station, Radnor Township, and Nether Providence Township of Delaware County; the Philadelphia Police Department; Doylestown Township of Bucks County; and Tredyffrin Township and Easttown Township of Chester County. The Montgomery County Detective Bureau and the Mid-Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLN) also aided in the analysis of more than a year of records and reports.

“This collaboration by law enforcement and the successful prosecution by Assistant District Attorney Laura Bradbury has taken a dangerous criminal off the streets,” said Steele. “And Montgomery County residents can now sleep easier knowing that Larry Samuels will be behind bars for a very long time.”

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele