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PRESS RELEASE

William Eddins, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit, announced today that Donald Edward Brooks has been classified as an Habitual Felony Offender and sentenced to 80 years state prison after being convicted in a jury trial in July.

The charges arose from a series of home burglaries which occurred in Baker back in August of 2012. Brooks was charged with 4 counts of Burglary of a Dwelling and 4 counts of Grand Theft. All four homes were burglarized while the victims were away from their homes. The investigation revealed that Brooks and a co-defendant had used some of the victims' credit cards on the same day as the burglaries and pawned various items of the stolen property at local pawn shops.

Brooks had previously been convicted of another burglary of a dwelling and sentenced to 30 years prison. The 80 year sentence is to run consecutively to the previously imposed 30 year sentence.

The sentence was imposed by Circuit Judge Michel Flowers. Assistant State attorney Kimberly Torres was responsible for the prosecution. The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department conducted the investigation

Any questions may be directed to Assistant State Attorney Kimberly Torres at (850) 689-5620.