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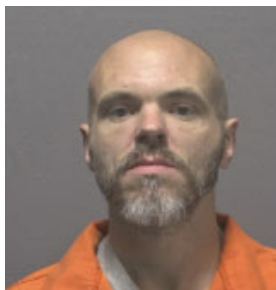
## **Eight Year Prison Sentence for Man Breaking into the Same Home Twice**

John Thomas Mann, age 37 of Wilmington, pled guilty on December 11, 2025 to First Degree Burglary, Breaking and Entering, and Felony Larceny arising from events occurring on May 26, 2025 at a residence located on Playa Way. Robeson County Superior Court Judge Jessica Locklear sentenced Mann to 100-132 months in prison, along with restitution as part of work release or post release supervision.

The victim reported that he was asleep in his bedroom with the door locked when he heard someone enter his apartment and attempt to kick in his bedroom door. When the victim yelled out, he heard a male voice then heard the suspect flee the apartment. A TV from the apartment, a wallet containing credit cards, and vehicle keys had been taken. The victim's Subaru Crosstrek was also stolen. The victim was able to track his stolen vehicle and the Wilmington Police Department STING Center was able to locate video footage of the stolen vehicle. Officers with the Wilmington Police Department apprehended Mann in the stolen Subaru shortly thereafter in the area of Clay Street.

Mann confessed to officers that he broke into the apartment twice on May 26, 2025. Mann said he had been riding his bike around 3:00 a.m. when he first broke into the residence. Mann confessed to stealing the victim's wallet and vehicle keys and leaving the residence, traveling on his bike to Sun Aire Court, leaving his bike, and walking back to the victim's residence and then stealing the victim's Subaru. At that point Mann drove the stolen Subaru back to Sun Aire Court where he picked up his co-defendant Laura Burns. Mann and Burns proceeded to use the victim's stolen credit cards to purchase gas and cigarettes. Mann and Burns then drove the stolen Subaru back to the victim's residence on Playa Way and entered once again. It was at that time he approached the victim's bedroom door and heard the victim yell out.

Mann's criminal record includes prior convictions for Felony Drug Possession, Breaking and Entering, Larceny, Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, and Felony Flee to Elude Arrest.



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