



Robert V. Tendy

Putnam County District Attorney

40 Gleneida Avenue
Carmel, New York 10512

Telephone: (845) 808-1050
Facsimile: (845) 808-1966

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
NEWS RELEASE NO. 17-019

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CONTACT: CHRISTINA RIZZO
(845)-808-1055

Burglar Sent to State Prison

CARMEL, NEW YORK – Putnam County District Attorney Robert V. Tendy announced today the conviction of William J. Gambichler, 24, of Southeast, New York, of Burglary in the Third Degree, a class D felony. The defendant pleaded guilty on June 13, 2017 and was sentenced by the Honorable James Reitz on September 5, 2017 to a term of 2-4 years in state prison.

At approximately 9:50 AM on March 18, 2017, an alert employee at a nearby business observed a vehicle drive up to the closed Brady Stannard car dealership located at 1015 Route 22 in Southeast. The witness observed the defendant exit the vehicle, walk behind the dealership, and return a few minutes later carrying a plastic bag. Knowing that the dealership was closed, the witness immediately called the police.

Gambichler, a previously convicted felon, confessed to members of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office that he had in fact broken into the dealership. A search of the immediate area resulted in the recovery of the stolen cash register. Forensic analysis later revealed Gambichler's fingerprints on the cash register.

District Attorney Robert Tendy would like to thank the diligent eyewitness who called the police after observing the suspicious activity. "If you see something, say something, so together we can continue to keep Putnam County Safe".

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Larry Glasser.