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Atchison Co burglaries send man to prison

(KAIR)--A Saint Mary's, Kansas man, accused of costly, Atchison County burglaries in 2020, is going to prison.

According to a release from Atchison County Attorney Sherri Becker, Curt Vandavelde, last week, was sentenced in Atchison County District Court to just under 7-years of incarceration.

On June 1, Vandavelde, following a jury trial, was found guilty on all charges, including aggravated burglary of a residence, burglary of a non-dwelling, burglary of a motor vehicle, criminal trespass, and three counts of theft.

In one case, during Vandavelde's burglary spree, a homeowner awoke to find him inside the home. Vandavelde fled. He was later, at another crime scene, found sleeping in a shed. Awakened by the homeowners, Vandavelde again ran, this time escaping into a nearby tree line by the time the Atchison County Sheriff's Office arrived. The agency, through use of it's K9 Officer, was able to track and locate Vandavelde, who was taken into custody and arrested.

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