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**PRESS RELEASE**

State Attorney Bill Eddins announced today that Ricky Dewayne Taylor was sentenced by Circuit Judge Michael Allen to 15 years in state prison for Burglary of a Dwelling with Battery; 5 years in state prison for Battery on a Person Age 65 or Older; 5 years in state prison for Burglary of an Unoccupied Structure; and 5 years in state prison for Grand Theft. Taylor pled to these charges on January 21, 2014 but then failed to appear for his sentencing on February 20, 2014. Taylor was extradited from Louisiana in June 2014. Judge Allen sentenced Taylor to 5 years in state prison on two counts of Failure to Appear. Each sentence is concurrent to the 15 years sentence.

On May 17, 2013, Teresa Sunday, co-defendant, having been acquainted with the victim, contacted and invited him to meet her at a local pool hall. After the victim left his home on Rockaway Creek Road in Walnut Hill, she and Ricky Taylor broke into the victim's house and began removing items. The victim unexpectedly returned and caught Sunday and Taylor in the act. The victim held them at gunpoint and contacted the police. Taylor then attacked the victim and the firearm discharged, hitting Taylor in the leg and grazing Sunday's cheek.

Both the investigation and arrest were conducted Escambia County Sheriff's Office. Assistant State Attorney Amy Shea prosecuted the case. For further information, please contact her at 595-4226.