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Sex offender with prior California sodomy conviction faces 30-year term for burglary

LIBERTY, Mo. - A 49-year-old man with a prior California child sodomy conviction faces up to 30 years in prison after a Clay County jury convicted him today in a 2005 home invasion says Prosecutor Daniel White.

Judge Janet L. Sutton ordered a pre-sentencing examination and continued the case of Michael D. Haynes to Aug. 21 for motions and possibly sentencing. Jurors convicted Haynes today after deliberating less than an hour.

"The facts in this case are every parent's nightmare," said White. "A 7-year-old boy is in the house and mom is in the backyard when Haynes barges in. The frightened child hides while Haynes prowls through the residence," said White.

White said the crime occurred July 27, 2005, at a residence in Kansas City in Clay County. Because a person - in this case, the child - was present during the crime, the offense was classified as burglary in the first degree.

Another victim, a 47-year-old woman and mother to the young boy "heard a noise in the house" and when she entered found Haynes "standing in her kitchen like it belonged to him."

The child was not immediately visible.

"She told jurors she recognized Haynes because he used to be a neighbor. She also knew, but didn't tell the jury, that Haynes was a convicted sex offender, and she was frightened for the safety of her child and herself.

"The boy had spotted Haynes coming through an unlocked front door, knew Haynes wasn't supposed to be there, and hid," added White. The child emerged unharmed.

Haynes told the frightened woman he was there waiting for her husband but "she didn't buy that story and kicked him out," said White.

When the mother returned from escorting Haynes out the front door, she found her purse been rifled and a debit card plus three credit cards stolen. Two days later she also discovered several checks had been stolen and fraudulently passed.

White said Haynes' sodomy came in 1982 out of Santa Barbara County, California, in 1981. In that instance, the victim was less than 14. In addition to the sodomy of a child conviction, Haynes also has convictions for offenses as diverse as car theft to sale of controlled substances said White.

White said the normal range of punishment for burglary in the first degree was a maximum of 15 years in prison. Haynes' prior convictions increase that range to 30 years said the prosecutor.

Chief assistant Prosecuting Attorney Shane T. Alexander litigated the case for the state, said White. The trial lasted two days.

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