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**Christopher Benson Of Boscawen, NH FOUND GUILTY OF
BURGLARY AND RESISTING ARREST**

Hillsborough County Attorney Dennis C. Hogan and Goffstown Police Chief Patrick Sullivan announce that on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, Christopher Benson, age 33 of Boscawen, was found guilty of Burglary, a Class B Felony, and Resisting Arrest, a misdemeanor, before Honorable Kenneth C. Brown in Hillsborough County Superior Court (Northern District). The crimes occurred on November 23, 2010 at 77 Mast Road in Goffstown.

The jury heard testimony from Goffstown Police Department officers who responded to a residential silent burglar alarm at 77 Mast Road. After finding a broken garage window and unlocked garage door, they established coverage of the home. Benson's co-defendant ran from the garage door, and was captured by Goffstown Police K-9 Cyrus. Officers then determined that someone else may be in the home. Two officers went into the home with Cyrus to conduct a search for the additional suspect. Officers continued to hear noises above them as they searched each floor. As the search moved into the attic, they found an open window. Benson was found on the roof of the home and ultimately surrendered. Inside the home, officers found pipe cutters, screwdrivers, and piles of copper items that had been removed from their original locations in an effort to be removed from the home. Benson's car was then found down the street in a gas station parking lot with numerous copper pipes and pipe fittings.

The defendant will remain incarcerated until his sentencing date. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled by the Court for a later date and time.

Assistant Hillsborough County Attorney Karen Gorham represented the State in the prosecution.

Questions about the case can be referred to County Attorney Dennis C. Hogan at the County Attorney's Office in Manchester at 627.5605.

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