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**BERNARD LINDSEY OF MANCHESTER SENTENCED TO 7 ½ TO 15 YEARS
AT THE NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE PRISON FOR CHARGES STEMMING FROM A
MANCHESTER HOME INVASION**

Hillsborough County Attorney Dennis C. Hogan announces that on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, BERNARD LINDSEY, age 33, of Manchester, was sentenced in Hillsborough County Superior Court, Northern District, by the Honorable Brian J. Tucker to 7 ½ to 15 years at the NHSP following LINDSEY'S conviction by jury of four class A felony charges: Conspiracy to Commit Burglary, Burglary, First Degree Assault with a Deadly Weapon, and Receiving Stolen Property. The crimes occurred on July 30, 2009 at 109 Rosedale Avenue in Manchester, New Hampshire.

The charges against Mr. Lindsey alleged that Bernard Lindsey conspired with Tahron Watson and Stephen Barnett to commit a burglary against the residents of Apartment 1, Rosedale Avenue. Shortly before 11pm on the July 30, 2009, the three co-conspirators waited in a dark hallway and attacked one of the residents as he was coming home from the grocery store. The resident was forced into his apartment by the three assailants, who beat him with his own assault rifle, causing lacerations and bruising. The assault woke a second resident, a girlfriend, who was sleeping in the apartment at the time. She also witnessed the attack. Several items of person property, including an LAR 15 assault rifle were removed from the apartment by the three co-conspirators.

The case was solved in large part by alert neighbors who witnessed what they believed to be a suspicious vehicle. Their suspicions were heightened as they saw the three assailants enter the car. The neighbors were able to provide the police with a full description of the car, including the license plate number. As a result, the Manchester Police Department put out a broadcast to all police units in the area. Approximately eight minutes after the initial 911 call, New Hampshire State Trooper Sergeant Louis Copponi spotted the suspect vehicle on Highway 93. Once stopped, the state troopers and Manchester police found within the vehicle Bernard Lindsey, Tahron Watson, Stephen Barnett, a female driver, along with the implements of the burglary and the personal property removed from the 109 Rosedale apartment. All four occupants of the vehicle were arrested at the scene.

Manchester Police, under the direction of Detective Patrick M. Houghton, investigated the case. The case was prosecuted by Assistant County Attorney Kenneth L. Perkes.

Questions about the case can be referred to County Attorney Dennis C. Hogan at the County Attorney's Office in Manchester at 603.627.5605.

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