

Ozark man pleads guilty to dozens of burglaries, thefts

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OZARK — At least 30 cases of burglary and theft involving residences throughout Ozark were closed after an Ozark man was sentenced to 20 years for each of the crimes, according to authorities.

Edward Scott McLeod, 32, of Harper Drive in Ozark, pleaded guilty to at least 30 felony counts of burglary and theft. Dale County District Attorney Kirke Adams said a 20-year sentence for each crime will run concurrently.

The charges relate to thefts that occurred between the winter of 2011 and the spring of 2012 throughout Ozark involving items as small as food and as large as

jewelry, Adams said.

At least 17 different victims were involved, some of whom Adams said did not know the thefts had taken place.

Adams said the commonality between each burglary or theft was that most doors were unlocked.

In an unrelated case, Antonio Delayette Kimble, 40, of Enterprise, pleaded guilty to first-degree criminal mischief after authorities said he stole copper while unknowingly in front of a police officer.

Adams said Kimble stole copper out of a cooling unit at a closed gas station on U.S. 84. A Daleville investigator who lived behind the gas station witnessed the theft.

“Investigator Willie Powell

made eye contact and Mr. Kimble fled from the scene,” Adams said.

“He then went and hid behind a business before pulling out, at a time in which he pulled out right in front of an officer.”

Kimble was sentenced to serve a 15-year split prison sentence, which carries two years of actual prison time.

Thomas Henry Wilmot, 43, of Ozark, pleaded guilty to first-degree theft of property and was sentenced to three years in prison after he allegedly stole as much as \$10,000 from Pizza Hut, where he worked.

Adams said the thefts took place while Wilmot was an assistant manager at the restaurant, and involved a gift card scam.