

Ozark Man Gets 6 Years In Theft by Deception

An Ozark man was denied probation and remanded to the Alabama Department of Corrections to serve a six-year sentence for theft by deception.

Monty Edward Turner, 50, owned the Best Advantage Mobile Home Dealership in Daleville. He took down payments from six individuals for the purchase of mobile homes, then took the money for his own use. None of the victims received a home or got their money back, said Dale County District Attorney Kirke Adams.

Adams told Circuit Judge P.B. McLauchlin that Turner was "one of the worst candidates for probation of the docket. He robbed these people for over \$12,000."

In another case, Terrance Grider, 31, Ozark pleaded guilty to two counts of distribution of a controlled substance and two counts of attempting

to sell a controlled substance and was sentenced to a total of 15 years in prison.

Grider was one of the 16 defendants arrested in Operation Crackdown by the Wiregrass Violent Crime and Drug Task Force. He was remanded immediately to the department of correction to begin his sentence.

Michael Grider, 35, Ozark, was charged with two counts of distribution of a controlled substance from Operation Crackdown. Grider posted bond, but the District Attorney's

Office filed a motion to revoke his bond since he has other pending felony charges. After a brief hearing, McLauchlin revoked all of Grider's bonds. Grider awaits trial in the Dale County Jail.

"We are working hard on the cases from Operation Crackdown," Adams said. "We owe it to the citizens who came forward as well as the police officers. The citizens were afraid to even come out at night because of all the drug traffic. My office will not let them down."