

NEWS RELEASE

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Rapist sentenced to a minimum of 35 years in prison

On Tuesday, March 29, 2011, Gilbert McNair, 57, pled guilty to six (6) counts of first degree rape, five (5) counts of first degree sex offense, six (6) counts of first degree burglary, and one (1) count of robbery with a dangerous weapon. The Honorable Nathaniel J. Poovey sentenced the defendant to 35 to 44.5 years in prison.

In this case, the defendant filed motions to suppress his statement and to suppress the DNA evidence. If granted, these motions would have precluded the State from admitting that evidence at trial. After one and one-half days of hearings and arguments from the prosecutor and McNair's attorney, Judge Poovey denied the defendant's motions. The defendant then entered his pleas of guilty.

McNair's crimes spanned from 1990 to 1998. He was developed as a suspect in 2009 and arrested on four of the rape and burglary charges. He was later identified as a suspect in two other cases and charged with those.

McNair did not have any prior convictions.

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