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PRESS RELEASE

Hinds County Resident –Adam Chism Sentenced to Life without Parole for House Burglary as an Habitual Offender

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For Immediate Release

(Jackson, Miss) Hinds County District Attorney Robert Shuler Smith announced on September 6, 2016, that Hinds County resident, Adam Chism was sentenced to life without parole for House Burglary as an Habitual Offender. According to Smith, around 7 a.m., on January 16, 2016 and after a domestic altercation with his girlfriend, Chism a 37 year old violent habitual offender broke into a house on Decelle Street in Jackson, MS.

According to the Jackson Police Department, after responding to a burglary alarm call evidence showed that Chism broke through a basement door, climbed up a set of stairs and broke another door in half to gain entry. JPD officer observed Chism exiting the resident while carrying a white bag containing stolen items. Because of the JPD officer's immediate response and action, Chism was apprehended without incident.

In February of 2016, Adam Chism was indicted by the grand jury of Hinds County. Chism had previously been incarcerated a number of times, one of which was for house burglary. It is noted that Chism have numerous misdemeanors and felony convictions including an auto burglary and house burglary conviction.

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“Our habitual offender statute in Mississippi is tantamount to a three strikes you are out law. It is designed to keep the most violent and repeat offenders off the streets of our city, for life.” District Attorney Smith said, “The sentence carries a mandatory life sentence with no parole or early release.”