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**Crime Does Not Pay in Boone County**

Boone County Judge Fernando Engelsma sentenced a Rockford man to 10 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for stealing from two Belvidere shopping stores.

On May 1, 2009, Lydell White, 41, pled guilty to 2 counts of Burglary for stealing a television set from Walgreen's as well as stealing a pair of jeans and a portable DVD player from Shopko. During the commission of both crimes, White had an extra license plate that he put on his vehicle to hinder his apprehension. White's sentence was extended beyond the maximum potential sentence of 7 years in Illinois Department of Corrections because of his extensive criminal history. White has been sent to prison on 7 separate occasions for felony theft offenses beginning in 1986 and was on mandatory supervised release for a Retail Theft conviction in Winnebago County.

Boone County Assistant State's Attorney Sal Lopiccolo prosecuted the case.