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SPRINGFIELD PAWN SHOP PLEADS GUILTY AND  
FINED FOR RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Eagle Pawn & Jewelry, LLC, of Springfield, Missouri, entered a guilty plea to three counts of misdemeanor receiving stolen property. Mr. Corey Loftis, an owner of Eagle Pawn & Jewelry, entered the plea on behalf the business which had a practice of buying stolen merchandise and was fined a total of \$3,000.00.

These convictions were made possible by the hard work of the Springfield Police Department which recognized the need to investigate the businesses providing a market for stolen merchandise. The Springfield Police Department and the Greene County Prosecutor's Office encourage all pawn shops and brokers in used merchandise to practice due diligence by refusing to purchase items which appear to have been stolen and notify law enforcement of anyone attempting to sell such items. Additionally, all residents need to be cautious when purchasing items from pawn shops, Craigslist, or other second hand stores. Under Missouri law, if an item is purchased at a price that is known to be far below the reasonable value, this fact can be used as evidence that the individual or business knowingly received or purchased stolen property.

The State charged Eagle Pawn & Jewelry with buying and receiving multiple boxes of ammunition and golf equipment that had been stolen from Academy Sports and Golf Headquarters. During the course of the investigation, Springfield Detectives discovered that three individuals were repeatedly selling stolen items to Eagle Pawn &

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Jewelry on a regular basis. Eagle Pawn & Jewlery bought the stolen items even though the items were in new and un-opened boxes. One individual sold more than 227 boxes of ammunition to Eagle Pawn and another sold 73 boxes within a one month time period, sometimes making multiple sales in a day. Another incident involved Eagle Pawn purchasing a golf simulator that was new in the box which was stolen from Golf Headquarters about fifteen minutes earlier. Police were able to recover most of the items stolen and return them to Academy Sports and Golf Headquarters.

**This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Sarah Devlin and Justin Stanek. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. under the direction of Detectives Richard Mansel, David Hatch and SGT. David Meyer.**

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