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FIRST 'DNA BURGLAR' PLEADS GUILTY, SENTENCED TO PRISON

The first burglary defendant in Denver to be charged in multiple cases as a result of the Denver DNA Burglary Project pleaded guilty last week in connection with his cases and has been sentenced to prison.

Michael Davis (dob: 02-18-60) is a serial burglar charged in a string of ten burglaries occurring in late 2005 and 2006 in Denver. Davis pleaded guilty to six cases and four cases were dismissed as part of the guilty plea agreement. On August 15, 2006, he was sentenced to a total of 21 years in prison.

Davis was identified and linked to the burglaries through DNA evidence. Denver's "DNA Burglary Project" is a federally grant-funded project in which DNA evidence is recovered by Denver police officers from burglary crime scenes. The Denver Police Department Crime Laboratory then develops the DNA profiles for entry into the CODIS databank. For more information about the DNA Burglary Project, click here: http://www.denverda.org/DNA/Denver_DNA_Burglary_Project.htm