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SPARTANBURG MAN RECEIVES 12-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR SHOPLIFTING

A Spartanburg man received a 10-year prison sentence today after he admitted to his seventh shoplifting offense in less than three years.

Wilbur Sloan, 43, pleaded guilty to third or subsequent offense shoplifting before Circuit Judge Mark Hayes. The prison sentence includes a probation revocation on a sentence issued in September.

Sloan took a collection of household items from the Dollar General on East Blackstock Road on Dec. 10. A clerk watched him place the items in a book bag and leave the business. A sheriff's deputy found him carrying the book bag while he walked through a nearby parking lot. A Dollar General employee identified him and the stolen items were found inside the book bag. The store's security camera recorded the crime.

"Wilbur Sloan has proven he can't conform to the laws of our state and he richly deserves every day of his sentence," Assistant Solicitor Prina Taylor said.

Sloan's prior criminal record dates back 1985 with numerous convictions for shoplifting, fraud, aggravated assault and battery and resisting arrest.

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