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David Linton Sentenced to 2 1/3 to 7 Years for Burglary in the Third Degree

Rochester, NY- 30 year old David Linton was sentenced to 2 1/3 – 7 years in state prison today by Supreme Court Justice Francis Affronti. Linton pled guilty to Burglary in the 3rd Degree on November 17th. Restitution orders totaling \$6, 218.00 were also issued on behalf of his seven different victims.

From February 22, 2015 through May 25, 2015, Linton used Craig's List to advertise apartment rentals in buildings that he did not own. Linton broke into the vacant apartments and showed them to prospective tenants while holding himself as the property owner. Prospective tenants paid Linton a security deposit and first month's rent for apartments they were ultimately unable to occupy.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney James Egan of the Economic Crime Bureau.

"David Linton stole from innocent people. In some instances they were left penniless and unable to afford the security deposit and first month's rent elsewhere. His shameless and malicious scam was shut down by the hard work of the Rochester Police Department's Economic Investigations Crime Unit and justice has now been served," said Assistant District Attorney James Egan.