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# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Downers Grove Man Charged With Residential Burglary/Theft**

**WHEATON** - DuPage County State's Attorney Robert B. Berlin and Downers Grove Chief of Police Robert Porter announced today that Kenneth Harry, 43 (d.o.b. 1/23/1970) of 6231 Park Avenue, Downers Grove, has been charged with Residential Burglary and Theft for allegedly entering a recently deceased neighbors' home without permission and stealing items from the home. Harry appeared in Bond Court this morning where Judge Elizabeth Sexton set bond at \$250,000 with 10% to apply. His next court appearance is scheduled for October 21, 2013, in front of Judge John Kinsella for arraignment.

It is alleged that on several occasions between August 28 and September 17, 2013, Harry entered the home of the late Thomas and Jennifer Smith located at 6211 Park Avenue. It is further alleged that Harry stole items from the home including a snowblower, an amplifier and six Coach purses. It is further alleged that Kelly then pawned the items and kept the proceeds. The Downers Grove Police Department uncovered the alleged thefts when the executor of the Smith's estate noticed some items missing from the home and contacted the police. Harry was taken into custody yesterday morning without incident.

"The very idea that someone would steal items from their recently deceased neighbors is revolting," Berlin said. "The allegations that Mr. Harry did just that will not be taken lightly and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. I would like to thank the Downers Grove Police Department for their fine police work in this case. I would also like to thank Assistant State's Attorneys Bethany Jackson and Romas Mockaitis for their efforts as well."

In all, Harry is charged with three counts of Residential Burglary (Class 1 Felony) and two counts of Theft (Class 3 Felony.) He is extended term eligible and faces a possible sentence of up to six to thirty years in the Illinois Department of Corrections if convicted.

“I am very proud of the work and effort of our officers in handling this very disturbing case,” Chief Porter said. “I would also like to thank the DuPage County State’s Attorney’s Office and the members of the FIAT SWAT Team for all their assistance in this matter.”

Members of the public are reminded that these complaints contain only charges and are not proof of the defendant’s guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the government’s burden to prove his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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