

TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Dennis Watkins, Prosecutor

Repeat Offenders newsletter

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Warren man get consecutive max sentences for burglaries, break-ins

A repeat offender was given consecutive prison sentences totaling nine years after he pleaded guilty to two third-degree burglary felonies and three fifth-degree breaking and entering felonies.



Harold W. Michaels, 51, of Penn Avenue NW, Warren, had pleaded guilty to the charges on July 28 before Judge Sarah T. Kovoov, who said the defendant's past criminal record and current bad conduct led to the judge giving him the maximum sentences for a series of shed break-ins in Champion Township and house burglaries in Howland Township in late 2023.

Judge Kovoov, before pronouncing sentence, heard from two of Michael's victims, who both said they had felt "violated." One woman was in the process of selling her home when she was victimized with the theft of copper plumbing and other items like a snow blower and lawn mower. Michaels must also pay \$10,172 in restitution to the victims.

"These people will never feel safe again because of you," Judge Kovoov told the defendant. "That is despicable."

The judge noted that Michaels had nine prior felony convictions and seven prior prison sentences.

Assistant Prosecutor Kevin Trapp said he was pleased by the judge's decision and lauded the detective work of both Champion and Howland police, especially the efforts of Champion detective Michael Lowery.

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