



Breaking and Entering 1928

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed on Frederick John Wareham, 26, a boot repairer, who pleaded guilty to breaking and entering the dwelling house of Helena Lilian Long, at Bremhill, sometime during January, and stealing a quantity of household goods.

Mr A H Wilbraham Northey, prosecuting, said Wareham formerly lived at Hilmarton, near Calne, Mrs Long went away in November, leaving her house locked up, and returned on January 26th when she found it had been broken into and a large number of articles had been stolen. The police made enquiries and PC Stretch visited the house where prisoner lived with his wife and family, and found articles similar to those stolen. Wareham first denied the offence, but afterwards said he was glad to make a clean breast of the affair. He subsequently produced a number of articles which were identified by Mrs Long. When charged the prisoner said: "I plead guilty; my wife and children are starving".

Supt Zebedee said the prisoner was a native of Bristol, and had one or two previous convictions. There was another charge outstanding of breaking into a house of Mr Rawlins on January 19th.

Prisoner asked that this should be taken into consideration. Counsel replying to the Chairman said about £20 worth of articles had been recovered.

Prisoner appeared to be in a collapsible state in the dock.

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