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NEWS RELEASE

**EAGAN TEEN PLEADS GUILTY AND IS SENTENCED FOR
BURGLARIES, ASSAULT AND ATTEMPTED CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT**

Dakota County Attorney James Backstrom announced that William Donald Maloney, now age 18 of Eagan, pled guilty today in Juvenile Court to Burglary in the Second Degree, Attempted Burglary in the First Degree, Burglary in the First Degree with an Assault (Criminal Sexual Predatory Conduct) and Attempted Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Fourth Degree in connection with Maloney, breaking into three homes, assaulting a 17-year-old female in one of the homes, and peeping through windows at these same three homes in the city of Eagan. These offenses occurred when Maloney was 16 and 17 years old.

Judge Kathryn Messerich sentenced Maloney under the Extended Juvenile Jurisdiction with a Stay of Execution of an adult prison sentence for 101.25 months. He was sentenced as a delinquent and placed on probation to Dakota County Community Corrections. He will be placed in the inpatient sex offender treatment program at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Red Wing. Maloney will also have to register as a predatory offender. In addition, Maloney was ordered to pay restitution for the damage he caused to the various homes.

The prior news releases are available at www.dakotacounty.us/attorney/newsreleases.

Backstrom commented: "We are pleased to hold this offender accountable for these serious crimes and we hope he receives the treatment he needs to avoid this type of predatory behavior in the future."

Backstrom thanked the Eagan Police Department who assisted in this case for their quick and thorough investigation which led to the arrest of this suspect. Backstrom praised Pauline Halpenny, Assistant County Attorney who prosecuted the case.

If you have questions, contact James Backstrom at 651-438-4440.