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WICHITA, KAN. — A man who was shot in the head by a homeowner was sentenced in Sedgwick County District Court. Corey Burgardt, 30 of Wichita, was in the process of breaking in to a rural Valley Center home and was wounded by the homeowner the morning of November 30th, 2014.

Burgardt tried to break into the family's house after a night of drinking with friends along a riverbank.

The man who lives in the home heard his daughter scream. The father grabbed a pistol and saw Burgardt trying to break a kitchen window to get in. One shot was fired, grazing Burgardt's forehead. He was treated and released from a Wichita hospital.

Earlier this year Burgardt pleaded guilty to a felony count of criminal damage to property and a misdemeanor count of criminal trespass.

District Court Judge David Kaufman sentenced Burgardt to probation with an underlying sentence of 13 months. Judge Kaufman followed the parties' agreement for an extended probationary period of 36 months and also ordered Burgardt to continue his current alcohol treatment program and pay \$2,743 in restitution for the damage he caused in the attempted break-in.

The homeowner is a pastor who provides assistance to men with alcohol and drug addiction problems. Many men from the congregation who have struggled with addiction themselves were present at the sentencing Friday morning in support of the homeowner. In his comments to Judge Kaufman, the homeowner invited Mr. Burgardt to attend his church during the course of probation.

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