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WICHITA, KAN. – A woman was sentenced for breaking into a Wichita home and killing a man's dog during the burglary. District Judge Kevin Smith sentenced Hilda Noordhoek, 32 of Wichita, to 24 months of probation with an underlying sentence of 13 months in prison and 12 months in jail. Ms. Noordhoek's lack of criminal history placed her most serious charge, burglary, in the "presumptive probation" category under Kansas law. The court ruled that if she violated her probation she would serve 13 months in prison for the burglary with an additional 12 months in jail for the cruelty to animals.

On April 22, 2018, a man who lives in southeast Wichita told police someone used a brick to smash a window and enter his house. A computer was taken along with headphones and his bulldog was killed.

Wichita Police used a license plate reader program and found Noordhoek's car matched security footage outside the victim's house. The victim and Noordhoek knew each other.

Last month, Noordhoek pled no contest to burglary, theft, and cruelty to animals. As part of the sentence today, Judge Smith ordered the woman to pay \$3236.99 in restitution to the victim. The Judge also ordered her to serve a 30-day jail sanction immediately before she begins her probation, which the Judge is required to do under Kansas law as a condition of probation on the cruelty to animals. Noordhoek was ordered to obtain a substance abuse and mental health evaluation and follow the recommendations of the psychological evaluation.

Judge Smith ordered Noordhoek to have no contact with any pets except those she already owns and no unsupervised contact with other people's pets.

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