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**Wichita, Kansas** - A man was sentenced in Sedgwick County District Court for the theft of five statues, including a bronze eagle from in front of the Boy Scouts headquarters in Wichita.

Bret Blevins, 55 of Wichita, pled guilty to five counts of theft on November 30, 2015. On Wednesday, Judge Harold Flaigle sentenced Blevins to a controlling term of 15 months in prison but placed Blevins on probation for 12 months.

Blevins admitted to taking a bronze eagle statue from the Boy Scouts of America Quivera Council near 32<sup>nd</sup> St. North and Oliver on September 29<sup>th</sup> and a bronze statue of children playing on a teeter totter from the Auburn Hills Neighborhood Association on October 1, 2015.

Blevins also admitted to being in possession of three other bronze sculptures with knowledge that they had been stolen by another person.

Acting on a tip, Wichita Police and Sedgwick County Sheriff deputies later found the eagle statue buried three feet deep in Blevins backyard. The statue was hidden under rocks, branches and dirt.

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