

Negro Burglar Gets Life In Alabama for \$1.50 Theft

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 30.
—Alabama's new Burglary Law was applied here for the first time today when a jury found James Thomas, Negro, guilty of burglary in which \$1.50 was the loot and fixed his punishment at life imprisonment. The jurors had heard a strong plea from the prosecutor for the death penalty.

The law was enacted last year. It makes burglary of an inhabited residence at night a capital crime. Thomas was convicted of burglarizing the home of Mrs. Mary Horne, who said the Negro remained in her bedroom for half an hour, terrorizing her and her young son.

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