

Sarah Loveless

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Sara Zerwin, 33, pleaded guilty today in Auburn to burglary charges and three counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

On June 28 an officer spotted her in the neighborhood after the burglary. The officer saw Zerwin and her children walking to their garage with appliances and other items. After detaining Zerwin, the officer notified the victim, Sarah Jessica Parker, 33, of Lane Street, and positively identified her belongings.

In court several weeks ago, Zerwin confessed to robbing “about 200 other houses” in the past two years. Her children also participated in the crimes, according to reports. She said “other people didn’t deserve to have that much: that we needed it and had a right to take it from people richer than us.” Zerwin said she has no job or skills. Her husband was ordered in their divorce decree to pay her \$600 a month in child support. He disappeared instead, according to Zerwin.

Zerwin has two girls and one boy, ages 12, 11 and 8. She admitted to Judge Thomas Moore that she trained her children to help, but said they should not be punished. “I taught them that it was OK,” Zerwin said.

“I tried to make it fun, like a game, and I let them keep any of the small stuff they saw and liked, games and stuff. It was exciting, and we were always together, working together.”

She testified in court today that she and her children were often able to find an open window in the rear of a house. If no window was open, she said they broke it and lifted her 11-year-old son inside to unlock the door.

“We were good. I trained the kids what to look for so we could go through the house in five minutes. Then we would go home and celebrate.”

Zerwin’s children have been turned over to social services. Moore is expected to announce a sentence Thursday.