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## **Drug dealer who allegedly helped 'bling ring' sell off luxury items pleads no contest**

**Authorities say Jonathan Ajar was the fence for property stolen in at least 10 burglaries at the homes of young celebrities. He will be sentenced to three years in prison.**

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A convicted drug dealer who allegedly helped a "bling ring" sell off luxury items stolen from the homes of young celebrities, including Lindsay Lohan and Paris Hilton, pleaded no contest Friday to several felonies, authorities said.

Jonathan Ajar, known as "Johnny Dangerous," was the fence for the items stolen in at least 10 burglaries that also targeted the residences of Rachel Bilson, Orlando Bloom, Brian Austin Green, Megan Fox, Audrina Patridge and Ashley Tisdale, authorities said.

Ajar, who previously served 37 months in federal prison beginning in 2002, pleaded no contest to three felony counts, including possession of cocaine for sale, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and receiving stolen property, authorities said.

In an interview in the January issue of Maxim magazine, Ajar admitted he had committed the crimes.

Originally charged with 12 felony counts with the possibility of a 15-year minimum sentence in state prison, Ajar now will be sentenced April 15 to three years behind bars.

"It should be noted that Mr. Ajar was not involved in the residential burglaries and was found to be in possession of some of the items that were later returned," said Michael A. Goldstein, Ajar's attorney. "Unfortunately, because of his prior criminal history, my client was left with little choice but to reach a negotiated agreement with the district attorney to avoid the potential of more than 15 years in state prison."

Authorities said Ajar was a peripheral player in the so-called bling ring, largely composed of young women who attended Indian Hills Continuation High School in Agoura Hills and had a taste for the luxury goods and accessories worn by young celebrities.