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Jury Finds Man Guilty of Sodomy after “Tinder” Date

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Cody G. Brown, 26, of Springfield, Missouri was convicted yesterday by a Greene County Jury of causing a Missouri State student to perform oral sex on him without her consent. The jury deliberated for an hour and forty-five minutes before returning its verdict.

Brown was found guilty of one count of sodomy in the second degree for events that occurred in February of 2016. The defendant invited the victim over to his apartment to watch a movie after they met on the social media dating app, “Tinder”. While watching the movie the two began kissing, but the victim told the jury that things quickly became rough and aggressive. The defendant spanked her numerous times leaving large welts and bruising. The defendant pushed the victim’s head towards his genitals despite the victim saying ‘No’ and trying to pull away twice.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Calvin Holden. The defendant is subject to a sentence of two to seven years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. Judge Holden set a sentencing hearing for July 13, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

Prosecutor Patterson emphasized the resolve and bravery of the victim to stay with the case for over two years and to testify twice. He also indicated that this case illustrates the common difficulties of date rape prosecutions and that the case stands as an important reminder that ‘no means no’, and consent to some intimate contact does not mean consent to all.

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, State v.
Brown, 1631-CR07910-01

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Nathan Chapman and Dane Rennie. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department's Detective David Kenyon and Detective Kelly.