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JURY FINDS MAN GUILTY OF ASSAULT AND ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Cody Randall McKenzie, 30, of Springfield, Missouri, was found guilty by a Greene County Jury of the January 10, 2017 assault of a sixty-seven year old Springfield man.

McKenzie was found guilty of the charges of First Degree Assault and Armed Criminal Action contained in the felony information. The jury deliberated for approximately two hours before returning its verdict on June 27, 2018. The evidence presented to the jury in the case included a surveillance video recording which depicted the defendant striking the victim several times in the face with the butt of a rifle. The defendant and a family member had come on to the victim's property to collect a debt. The evidence was that the victim was holding a rifle pointed in the air to deter the defendant, the defendant engaged in a struggle over the gun, and took the gun away from the victim while punching the victim in the face as he lay on the ground. The defendant then used the rifle to strike the victim in the face as he lay on the ground. The victim sustained serious physical injury, including facial fractures, and suffers from long term effects including double vision as a result of his injuries.

The Honorable Calvin Holden presided over the trial. The defendant is subject to a sentence of 10 to 30 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections on the Assault charge, and must serve 85 percent of any prison sentence on that charge. The defendant must serve a sentence of at least three years on the Armed Criminal Action. Armed Criminal Action is an unclassified felony and has no maximum sentence. Judge Holden set a sentencing hearing for September 7, 2018 at 1:45 p.m., following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, State v.
McKenzie, 1731-CR01374-01

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Emily Shook and Phil Fuhrman. It was investigated by the Greene County Sheriff's Office and Detective Angela Maholy was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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