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MAN RECEIVES SUSPENDED IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE FOR ATTEMPTED  
'UPSKIRT' PHOTOS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that William Lynn Bennett, 30, of Strafford, Missouri was sentenced yesterday, 07/18/2018, for attempting to secretly take photos of a woman under her skirt while shopping at Wal-Mart. Bennett was sentenced by The Honorable Jerry Harmison. Judge Harmison suspended the imposition of sentence on the one count of Attempted Invasion of Privacy.

The State requested the defendant receive a sentence of 90 days with two years of probation, supervised by Probation and Parole. Defendant argued for the suspended imposition of sentence.

Defendant was observed on surveillance by a Wal-Mart loss prevention officer who reported it to police. When interviewed by the police Defendant admitted to the conduct and said he has trouble fighting urges and he wanted to know if he could get that close and if it was really that easy.

With a suspended imposition of sentence the defendant does not receive a conviction and if the defendant successfully completes probation the charge will no longer be a public record.

**This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Dawn Diel. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Kaylee Friend was the lead investigator assigned to the case.**

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