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Man, 62, Found Guilty of Threatening Step-Son with Sword

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Augustine A. Mendoza , 62, of Springfield, Missouri was convicted today by a Greene County Jury of assaulting his step-son and threatening him with a Japanese-style sword.

The Defendant was found guilty by the jury of one count of Unlawful Use Of Weapon and one count of Domestic Assault in the Fourth Degree for events that took place on or about August 4, 2017 in Springfield, Missouri. The jury deliberated for one hour before returning its verdict.

The Defendant admitted on the stand the he punched his step-son, adding that his step-son did nothing to provoke the assault. The defendant then retrieved a Japanese-style sword from among his belongings and proceeded to pursue him around their shared residence while shouting threats at him.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable David Jones. The defendant is subject to a sentence of up to four years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. Judge Jones set a sentencing hearing for October 5, 2018 following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Dane Rennie and Paul Rebar. It was investigated by the Greene County Sheriff's Office and Deputy Jordan Lilley was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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