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Massage Therapist Found Guilty of Sexually Violating Women During Massages

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that William Gene Morlang, 36, of Springfield, Missouri was convicted today by a Greene County Jury of the touching the vagina of two of his massage clients and rubbing his crotch against the hand of one of his clients.

Morlang was found guilty of two counts of Sodomy 2nd Degree and one count of Sexual Abuse 2nd degree. The jury deliberated for nine and a half hours before returning its verdict.

Four women who were victimized by the defendant testified at trial. All four testified that the defendant waited until they were in a facedown position before he began his inappropriate touching. All testified that they were scared and initially didn't know what to do because they were alone in the room with the defendant when this happened.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Calvin Holden. The defendant is subject to a sentence of two to seven years on each sodomy count and up to one year on the sexual abuse count. Judge Holden set a sentencing hearing for October 19, 2018 at 2:00 PM following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Dane Rennie and Elizabeth Kiesewetter Fax. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Nathan Davis was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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