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Jury Convicts Man for Assaulting Woman Four Days after Release from Prison

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that on August 17, 2018, Keith Christopher Hoffman, 29, of Springfield, Missouri was sentenced to 14 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections after a Greene County jury convicted him of domestic assault in the second degree for punching the mother of his child.

The Defendant was previously convicted of assault in the second degree. He was paroled on a five year sentence from the Missouri Department of Corrections on December 7, 2016. Just four days after his release, he punched the present victim in the face, breaking her nose, causing a concussion and blackening her eyes.

During trial, the Defendant attempted to blame the victim in an effort to justify his assault. A common defense in domestic violence cases is to blame the victim and imply that the victim is partly or entirely responsible for the abuse. Mr. Patterson applauds the jury for listening to the evidence, standing up for the victim, and holding the Defendant accountable for his actions.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable David Jones. The defendant is a prior and persistent felony offender and was subject to a sentence of up to 15 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Sarah Donelan and Mel Myears. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Justin Hollingsworth was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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