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JURY CONVICTS KANSAS CITY MAN OF UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON AND  
DOMESTIC ASSAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Brandon Lukas Murray, 38, of Kansas City, Missouri was convicted today by a Greene County Jury of unlawful use of a weapon and domestic assault for threatening the mother of his two children with a knife.

On March 19, 2016, the defendant and his family arrived in Springfield from Kansas City and stayed at a local hotel while they were traveling to Arkansas. After an argument, the defendant decided to turn around and head back to Kansas City. While in the car with his girlfriend, eight year old son, and one year old son, the defendant began driving erratically and threatened his girlfriend with a box cutter knife by lunging it towards her neck. The eight year old child in the backseat witnessed the assault. The victim was able to record on her cell phone some of the aftermath, which included the defendant verbally assaulting her, the defendant telling his son that he should hit women, and the defendant playing the same song on repeat in the car for nearly an hour.

Murray was found guilty of the felony of unlawful use of a weapon and one count of domestic assault contained in the felony information. The jury deliberated for an hour and a half before returning its verdict.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable David Jones. The defendant is a prior and persistent felony offender who is subject to a sentence of up to seven years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. Judge Jones set a sentencing hearing for December 14, 2018 at 10:30 a.m., following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, State v.  
Murray, 1631-CR02618-01

**This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Elizabeth Kiesewetter Fax and Dawn Diel. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Justin Hollingsworth was the lead investigator assigned to the case.**

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