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SEX OFFENDER SENTENCED TO LIFE PLUS THIRTY-ONE YEARS FOR
ROBBERY, DRAWING GUN ON POLICE

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Michael Duane Hancock, 48, of Springfield, MO was sentenced on March 8 for the 2017 armed robbery of a Phillips 66 gas station and drawing his gun on the responding law enforcement officers.

The Honorable J. Ron Carrier denied Hancock's Motion for New Trial, then sentenced the defendant to life in prison for Robbery in the First Degree, twenty years for Armed Criminal Action, seven years for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, and four years for Unlawful Use of a Weapon. All of the sentences were ordered to be served consecutively in the Missouri Department of Corrections by the Judge.

Hancock was found guilty of these offenses after a four day jury trial in December. Judge Carrier noted that the defendant took advantage of the vulnerable gas station clerk working a late shift by herself. He also pointed out that the defendant chose to use a gun during the robbery, and later aim that gun at a police officer. The Judge also took into consideration the Defendant's criminal history, in that he had previously served eighteen years in the Department of Corrections for Attempted Forcible Rape and Sodomy of a woman in 1989.

Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson is pleased with the result, and would like to thank Officers Brandon Gonzales and Matthew Thomas for their swift intervention. They responded after a 911 caller reported a suspicious person walking out of the Phillips 66 station wearing a mask and carrying a gun. Mr. Patterson would like to encourage all citizens of Greene County to be vigilant in keeping our community safe, and to report all suspicious behavior to the proper authorities.

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, State v.
Hancock, 1731-CR03201-01

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Joseph Wright and Scott Lucy. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detectives Matthew Farmer and Cody Williams were the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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