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Man Sentenced to 71 Years for Sexually Abusing Stepdaughter

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Courtney Fonteze Green, 31, of Springfield, Missouri was sentenced today for sexual abusing a child, his then stepdaughter.

In October, a Greene County jury found Green guilty of statutory rape in the first degree, five counts of statutory sodomy in the first degree, child molestation in the first degree, and furnishing pornographic material to a minor. The victim testified that her stepfather at the time, Courtney Green, had been sexually abusing her every night while her mother was at work. Green was the victim's primary caregiver when her mother was at work. The victim was between five and six years old when the sexual abuse began. As in many sexual abuse cases, the defendant groomed the victim by starting his abuse gradually and escalating his behavior over time. Green used his position as a trusted adult and caregiver to abuse and silence the victim. About a year after the victim's mother and Green divorced, the victim was able to come forward and report the abuse. Green is a persistent offender with convictions for robbery in the second degree, unlawful use of a weapon, and domestic assault.

The Honorable Thomas Mountjoy sentenced Green to ten years in prison on counts one through seven, one year in prison on count eight, and ordered that the sentences be served consecutively. Green's sentence on all eight counts is a total of 71 years in prison. Judge Mountjoy denied probation and remanded Green to the Missouri Department of Corrections.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Elizabeth Kiesewetter Fax and Dane Rennie. It was investigated by the

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Springfield Police Department and Detective Chelsea Taylor was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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