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Drugged Driver Sentenced to Prison for 7-Car Pile Up

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Rylan Bud Long, 29, of Greenfield, Missouri, was sentenced today for driving while intoxicated resulting in physical injury to another, a class E felony offense. Long was sentenced by The Honorable Calvin Holden to 3 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for charges contained in the felony information.

The incident occurred on March 10, 2018 when the defendant, while under the influence of several prescription medications, caused a 7-vehicle crash that left another driver injured. The crash took place at the intersection of Kansas Expressway and Norton Road near Interstate 44. Chemical testing of Long's blood showed the presence of alprazolam, hydrocodone, morphine, carboxy-THC, and oxycodone at the time of the crash.

When the crash occurred, the defendant was out on a \$100,000 bond in a case out of Dade County in which he had been charged with killing another person while driving under the influence of drugs. The defendant eventually pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in that case. On July 12, 2019 he was sentenced in Dade County for that offense to 6 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

Judge Holden ordered that the 3 year sentence ordered in Long's Greene County case be served consecutively to his Dade County sentence, meaning that it is to be served after Long is finished serving that 6 year sentence. The State argued that the defendant should be sentenced to the maximum sentence of 4 years in the Department of Corrections and that it be should be run consecutively to the Dade County sentence. The defense asked that Long be given a 4 year sentence, but that it be run concurrently

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to his Dade County sentence, meaning he would serve both sentences at the same time.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Paul Rebar. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Officer Sam Gahr was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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