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Judge Sends Defendant to Prison for Consecutive 10 Year Terms on Probation  
Violations

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that John William. James Jr, 29, of Springfield, MO appeared in court yesterday, January 11, 2012, for probation violation hearings in case numbers 1031-CR06895-01, 0931-CR04615-01, 0931-CR01025-01, 0931-CR00222-01, and 31306CF10784, and was sent to prison on consecutive 10 year sentences.

On July 8, 2011, the defendant pled guilty in case number 1031-CR06895-01; Count I - Tampering with a motor vehicle in the 1st degree, C felony, as a prior and persistent felony offender, Count II - Forgery, C felony, as a prior and persistent felony offender, Count III - Resisting arrest, D felony, as a prior and persistent felony offender. On September 9, 2011 and September 12, 2011, a sentencing hearing was held in that case, along with a probation violation hearing in the other cases. At that sentencing hearing, the State argued that the Court should deny probation and send the defendant to prison for a term of 10 years. After hearing arguments from both the State and the defense, the Honorable Calvin Holden sentenced the defendant to 10 years on Count I, 10 years on Count II, and 7 years on Count III. The Court ordered that those counts were to run concurrent to each other, but consecutive to any other existing sentences. The defendant already had 10 year sentences in case numbers 0931-CR04615-01, 0931-CR01025-01, 0931-CR00222-01, and a 3 year sentence in case number 31306CF10784, all concurrent to each other.

Since being placed on probation on September 12, 2011, the defendant violated the conditions of probation at least 7 times, and the probation officer wrote at least 3 violation reports. Yesterday, January 11, 2012, after hearing argument from both the

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State and the defense, the Honorable Calvin Holden revoked the defendant's probation and executed his sentences in all cases. As previously mentioned, the 10 year sentence in case number 1031-CR06895-01 was ordered to run consecutive to his other sentences. The defendant should serve 80% of his sentences before he is eligible for parole.

**In this case, the State was represented by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Clayton Ballard and the defendant was represented by Stuart Huffman.**

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