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Billy Wilson Found Guilty of Child Molestation

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Billy Steve Wilson, 64, of Republic, Missouri was convicted late Friday by a Greene County Jury of one count of the class B felony of Child Molestation in the First Degree.

Wilson was found guilty of having sexual contact with a young girl when she was between the ages of eleven and thirteen in Republic, Missouri. The jury deliberated for approximately five hours before returning its verdict.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Thomas Mountjoy. Judge Mountjoy set a sentencing hearing for August 3, 2012 at 3 p.m. following a sentencing assessment report by the Missouri Department of Probation and Parole. The defendant has two separate felony convictions for distribution of a controlled substance and he will be facing a range of punishment of five to thirty years, or life, in the Missouri Department of Corrections. The defendant was taken into custody immediately following the verdict and he will be held in the Greene County Jail without bond until the sentencing hearing.

**This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Casey Clark. It was investigated by the Republic Police Department and Detective Mark Wilcox was the lead investigator assigned to the case.**

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