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Man Convicted of Kidnapping his Ex-Wife at Gunpoint Sentenced to a Total of 30 Years

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Paul A. Williams, 54, of Springfield, MO was sentenced today to a total of 30 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for kidnapping his ex-wife at gunpoint.

Williams was sentenced by The Honorable Calvin Holden to 25 years on his current case. His probation was revoked in a prior felony stealing case and that sentence was run consecutive for an total 30 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. Williams was convicted of entering a residence with a gun. He then threatened his ex-wife that he would kill the other occupants of that home if she did not leave with him. He then fired a shot which struck a television in the room. The victim was forced across the street, into a van, made to sit on the floor of that vehicle, and taken to the Shrine Mosque. Williams was eventually arrested at the Shrine Mosque by the Springfield Police Department.

**The sentencing was argued by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Nhan Nguyen and the case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Russell Dempsey. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Heather Anderson was the lead investigator assigned to the case.**

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