



NEWS RELEASE
GREENE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
DAN PATTERSON

Contact: Rhonda Ogden, Office Manager – (417) 868-4061
1010 Boonville
Springfield, MO 65802

07/31/2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

JURY CONVICTS MAN OF DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Steven R. Souter, 65, of Springfield, Missouri, was convicted yesterday by a Greene County Jury of driving while intoxicated. The evidence at trial established that on February 25, 2013, the defendant drove his truck into another vehicle stopped for a red stop light at the intersection of Kansas Expressway and Grand. The defendant refused to cooperate with law enforcement and would not perform field sobriety tests or provide a breath sample. Pursuant to Missouri law, refusing to perform these tests can be used as evidence of intoxication. In this case, the jury considered these refusals with all of the evidence before rendering a guilty verdict.

This was a two stage trial with a sentencing phase. This means that after the jury determined the defendant was guilty, the jury heard additional evidence and made a recommendation to the judge regarding what sentence it believed was appropriate. After ten minutes of deliberation, the jury recommended the maximum sentence of 180 days in the Greene County Jail and a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Calvin Holden. Judge Holden set a sentencing hearing for September 5, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Zachary McFarland and Kevin Young. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Officer Justin Lloyd was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

###