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Man Sentenced to Twenty-Five Year Prison Sentence in Armed Robbery

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Dan Patterson, Greene County Prosecuting Attorney announced that Daniel J. Whitt, 47, was sentenced today for one count of robbery in the first degree and one count of tampering with a motor vehicle in the first degree as a prior and persistent felony offender.

Whitt was convicted on both felony counts by a Greene County jury following a three day jury trial which concluded on February 16, 2011. These offenses occurred on March 23, 2009, at the JC Penney Home Store parking lot, located at 3402 S. Glenstone in Springfield, Missouri. On that date, Whitt stole a wallet and debit card from a Nixa woman while holding her at gunpoint. Whitt was operating a van which had been reported stolen by Safety-Kleen, a business in Springfield, Missouri.

Whitt was sentenced by The Honorable Michael Cordonnier to twenty-five years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for charges contained in the felony information. In count one charging robbery in the first degree for events that took place on or about March 23, 2009 in Springfield, Missouri, the defendant was sentenced to twenty-five years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. In count two charging tampering with a motor vehicle in the first degree for events that took place on or about March 23, 2009 in Springfield, Missouri, the defendant was sentenced to fifteen years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. Both sentences are to run concurrent, meaning at the same time. However, the sentence on this case will run consecutive to any existing sentence, meaning that it will begin after Whitt has completed a six year prison sentence he is currently serving in the Missouri Department of Corrections for forgery, stealing, and tampering.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Russell Dempsey and Emily Carlstrom. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Kevin Shipley was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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