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Greene County Jury Finds Bryan Jones Guilty of Assault
and Armed Criminal Action Charges

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Dan Patterson, Greene County Prosecuting Attorney announced that Bryan A. Jones, 25, of Springfield, MO was convicted today by a Greene County Jury of the assault in the second degree of Steven Willhite, and armed criminal action. The jury deliberated for ninety minutes before returning its verdict.

Jones was found guilty by the jury for events that took place on 09/03/2009 in Springfield, Missouri. On that date, Jones struck Willhite with a baseball bat on his left arm, resulting in a bone fracture.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Michael Cordonnier. As a prior and persistent offender, Jones is subject to a sentence of 1 year to 15 years incarceration on the assault and must serve a minimum of 3 years incarceration on the armed criminal action count. Judge Cordonnier set a sentencing hearing for July 8, 2011 following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Jerry B. Hathaway and Emily Carlstrom. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department, and Detective Neal McAmis was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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