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**Intoxicated Driver Sentenced to 12 Year Prison Sentence  
for Involuntary Manslaughter**

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Dan Patterson, Greene County Prosecuting Attorney announced that Jeremy William Arata, 24, of Springfield, Missouri, was sentenced today on an involuntary manslaughter charge arising from a 2007 drunk driving crash that resulted in the death of Paul Fain, also of Springfield, Missouri.

Arata was convicted of the B felony of involuntary manslaughter following a 3 day jury trial held in May, 2011. The jury found that Arata was intoxicated on November 15, 2007, when the vehicle he was driving struck a vehicle driven by Fain. Arata's vehicle was going at speeds near 60 miles an hour in a residential area when it collided with a vehicle driven by Fain. Fain died as a result of the injuries he suffered in the collision. Arata's blood alcohol level was measured at .146%.

Arata was sentenced by The Honorable Calvin Holden to 12 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for charges contained in the felony information. Probation was denied. The B felony of involuntary manslaughter is punishable by five to 15 years incarceration. Arata must serve eighty-five percent of that sentence before becoming eligible for parole, pursuant to Missouri statute.

Arata is currently serving a 3 year prison sentence for leaving the scene of an accident with a 2005 offense date. He also has a conviction for a driving while intoxicated offense which occurred in 2009.

**This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Emily Carlstrom. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Patrick Carey was the lead investigator assigned to the case.**

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