



NEWS RELEASE
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DEFENDANT ENTERS PLEA ON THE EVE OF TRIAL

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Jerome Ivory, 46, of Springfield, MO entered an Alford guilty plea to assaulting the victim, his girlfriend, by striking her on the head on two different occasions. On November 16, 2012 the victim went to the hospital to receive treatment for injuries Ivory had inflicted upon her. While she was receiving treatment at the hospital the police were called and an investigation was started. Corporal Jennifer Charleston photographed multiple bruises all over the victim's body. Ivory was arrested and during an interview conducted by Detective Heather Anderson, Ivory admitted to punching the victim on the head on November 10, 2012 and November 15, 2012. During the course of this case the victim's whereabouts were unknown at one point but Prosecutor's Office Investigator Bruce Waterman was able to locate her days before trial and made arrangements for her to travel to Springfield the night before trial.

Ivory entered an Alford guilty plea before the Honorable Dan Conklin to two counts of domestic assault in the second degree contained in the felony information. In an Alford plea the criminal defendant does not admit guilt but admits that the prosecution has sufficient evidence to prove and convict on the charges at trial. Under the plea agreement, the defendant is subject to a sentence of a term of seven years in the Department of Corrections with the State opposing probation. Judge Conklin set a sentencing hearing for June 27, 2013 at 9:30 AM following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Nathan Taylor and James A. Whiteside. It was investigated by the Springfield Police

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Dept. and Detective Heather Anderson was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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FELONY INFORMATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI
Division CC3

STATE OF MISSOURI,)
Plaintiff,)
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vs.) Case No. 1231-CR07122-01
)
JEROME IVORY ,) OCN# 07030247
)
Defendant.) PA File No. 077299193

State of Missouri)
) ss.
County of Greene)

COUNT I
(Missouri Charge Code: 13029099.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.073, RSMo, committed the class C felony of domestic assault in the second degree, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that on or about November 15, 2012, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly caused physical injury to G.R. by striking her on the head and G.R. and the defendant were family or household members in that G.R. and the defendant were adults who resided together or had resided together in the past.

Defendant is a prior offender under Section 558.016, RSMo. Defendant is also a persistent offender and is punishable by sentence to an extended term of imprisonment, specifically that of the maximum of a class B felony - 15 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections - under Sections 558.016 and 557.036, RSMo, in that he has been convicted of two or more felonies committed at different times. The felonies are as follows:

1. On or about May 27, 1986, defendant was convicted of the felony of Aggravated Assault in the state of Mississippi.
2. On or about April 29, 1992, defendant was convicted of the felony of Robbery in the state of Mississippi.

COUNT II

(Missouri Charge Code: 18010089.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of 570.090.1(1), RSMo, committed the class C felony of forgery, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that on or about November 16, 2012, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant, with the purpose to defraud, made a writing, namely a signature on a Springfield Police Department Statement of Rights form, so that it purported to have been made by another.

Defendant is a prior offender under Section 558.016, RSMo. Defendant is also a persistent offender and is punishable by sentence to an extended term of imprisonment, specifically that of the maximum of a class B felony - 15 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections - under Sections 558.016 and 557.036, RSMo, in that he has been convicted of two or more felonies committed at different times. The felonies are as follows:

1. On or about May 27, 1986, defendant was convicted of the felony of Aggravated Assault in the state of Mississippi.
2. On or about April 29, 1992, defendant was convicted of the felony of Robbery in the state of Mississippi.

COUNT III

(Missouri Charge Code: 13029099.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.073, RSMo, committed the class C felony of domestic assault in the second degree, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that on or about November 10, 2012, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly caused physical injury to G.R. by striking her on the head and G.R. and the defendant were family or household members in that G.R. and the defendant were adults who resided together or had resided together in the past.

Defendant is a prior offender under Section 558.016, RSMo. Defendant is also a persistent offender and is punishable by sentence to an extended term of imprisonment, specifically that of the maximum of a class B felony - 15 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections - under Sections 558.016 and 557.036, RSMo, in that he has been convicted of two or more felonies committed at different times. The felonies are as follows:

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Nathan L. Chapman, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, being duly sworn, upon oath says that the facts stated in the above information are true, according to his best information, knowledge and belief.

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