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Man Convicted of Abusing Three Month Old

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Ryan D. Hudson, 26, of Springfield, MO was convicted today by a Greene County judge of abusing his former girlfriend's three month old child.

Following presentation of the evidence in a one day trial held on May 9, 2013, the Honorable Calvin Holden found Hudson found guilty of Abuse of a Child. The Court heard testimony that the Defendant was responsible for the child's care during the day while the mother was at work. When the mother returned home from work on June 3, 2011 the child was not acting normal. During the early morning of June 4, 2011 the child began having seizures and was taken to the hospital. The Court heard from several Children's Mercy doctors who testified the child had numerous internal injuries including subdural hemorrhages, retinal hemorrhages, and skull fractures. Each doctor testified that these injuries were consistent with non-accidental trauma consistent with shaking the child. As a result of these injuries the child has permanent vision loss in one eye. On June 13, 2013 Judge Holden issued his verdict of guilty.

The defendant is subject to a sentence of 7 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections and/or a fine up to \$5,000. Judge Holden set a sentencing hearing for 8/16/2013 1:30:00 PM following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Nathan Chapman and Emily Monroe. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Eric Reece was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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Hudson, 1231-CR01676