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Man Pleads Guilty After Ten Years on the Run

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Franklin S. Patrom, 50, of Juneau, AK plead guilty and was sentenced yesterday for the sexual abuse of his former step daughter.

Patrom was sentenced by The Honorable Calvin Holden to 13 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for charges including sodomy, statutory sodomy in the first degree, and forcible sodomy pursuant to a plea agreement.

The abuse started in 1992 when the victim was nine years old and continued until 1996 when she was 13. In November of 2001 the victim came forward and disclosed the abuse to officials. The victim did not initially disclose the abuse because she was concerned the defendant would harm her. During the ensuing investigation the defendant fled Springfield and was not located until 2003. In December of 2003 the defendant was arrested in Alaska on the charges filed in Greene County. While awaiting extradition the defendant bonded out of jail and again went on the run. Finally, in 2011 the defendant was again picked up in California and transferred to the Greene County jail to await trial on the charges. The U.S. Marshall's Fugitive Task Force assisted in the apprehension of Patrom.

On June 25, 2013 the defendant plead guilty and received 13 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections on four counts of sodomy, two counts of statutory sodomy in the first degree, and one count of forcible sodomy. Due to the nature of the charges the defendant will have to serve at least 85 percent of his sentence before he is eligible for parole. Upon release from the Missouri Department of Corrections the defendant will be required to register as a sex offender.

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The main purpose of the plea agreement was to prevent the victim from having to testify and recount the years of abuse she suffered. In addition, the defendant was held accountable and had to admit his guilt in open court with the victim present.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Nathan Chapman and Olivia McNair. It was investigated by the Greene County Sheriff's Office and Detectives Mark Hall and Curtis Hunt were the lead investigators assigned to the case. ###