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Man Sentenced to 18 Years for Attempting to Entice Child

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Ezra Robert Gramm, 39, of Springfield, Missouri, was sentenced on Tuesday, July 16th, for attempting to entice a 14 year old girl. On March 13, 2013, Gramm pled guilty to attempted enticement of a child for events that occurred in 2010. Gramm came to the attention of law enforcement when a 13 year old girl's mother found suspicious text messages on her phone. Detective Alberto Estrada with the Springfield Police Department posed as a 14 year old girl and began communicating with Gramm by text message. After several messages which were sexually explicit in nature, Gramm arranged to meet the individual he believed to be a 14 year old girl at Doling Park. When Gramm arrived he was arrested. During an interview, Gramm admitted that he believed he was communicating with a 14 year old girl and wanted to have sexual relations with her. Gramm also admitted to texting the 13 year old girl and having sexual contact with her.

Gramm was sentenced by The Honorable Thomas Mountjoy to eighteen years in the Missouri Department of Corrections on the sole count of attempted enticement of a child. Probation was denied. During the sentencing, Judge Mountjoy told Gramm that he was a "predator" and faulted Gramm for his failure to take responsibility for actions. The State requested an eighteen year sentence in the Missouri Department of Corrections and the defense argued for a five year sentence.

Gramm is also awaiting sentencing in federal court for sexual exploitation of a minor.

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, State v. Gramm, 1031-CR00635

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Stephanie Wan. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Alberto Estrada was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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