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Man Sentenced to Eight Years Imprisonment for Assaulting Paramour and Law Enforcement

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that James Edward. Scott, 37, of Springfield, Missouri, was sentenced today for assaulting his intimate partner, assaulting several Springfield police officers, and resisting arrest. On May 15, 2013, Scott was convicted by a Greene County jury of domestic assault in the third degree, resisting arrest, and five counts of assault of a law enforcement officer in the third degree.

The evidence at trial was that Springfield police officers responded to the Dogwood Inn located at 815 N. Glenstone, Springfield, Missouri in response to a domestic assault. Upon arrival, they spoke to witnesses who told officers that the defendant was seen striking the victim in the face. The victim had red marks on her face, neck, and arms consistent with being assaulted. As the officers began to investigate, Scott became agitated and called the officers several derogatory names. The officers then tried to take Scott into custody and Scott began kicking at the officers, spitting at the officers, and resisting the officers. Ultimately, those officers were able to arrest the defendant and get the defendant booked into the jail without injury to the defendant. Officers Kevin Grundy, Dorian Bernet, David Hatch, and Christopher Laughlin testified at the trial. The victim of the domestic assault now lives out of state and did not wish to participate in the trial. Prosecutors, therefore, presented an evidence based domestic violence prosecution and proceeded without her testimony.

The defendant has a lengthy criminal history dating back to 1998. The defendant has convictions for receiving stolen property, domestic assault in the second degree (2 convictions), felonious restraint, armed criminal action, driving while intoxicated, resisting arrest, stalking, tampering in the first degree, unlawful use of drug

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paraphernalia (2 convictions), violation of order of protection (3 convictions), domestic assault in the third degree (5 convictions), driving while license revoked, passing bad check (2 convictions), and assault in the third degree.

After hearing arguments from both the State and the defense, Judge Conklin sentenced Scott to a total of eight years incarceration. The State asked for a total of 11 years incarceration. The defense argued for probation or, in the alternative, four years incarceration.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Stephanie Wan and Chris Hoeman. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Officer Kevin Grundy was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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