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Man Convicted of driving with excessive blood alcohol content after two-day jury trial

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Shamu Peter Wims, age 31, of Springfield, Missouri was convicted, February 6, 2013, by a Greene County Jury of driving with an excessive blood alcohol content and operating a motor vehicle without properly functioning taillights following a two day jury trial before the Honorable Daniel Imhof. The jury deliberated for approximately one hour before returning their verdict.

In the early morning hours of June 16, 2012, Greene County deputy Christopher Sowards observed a car driven by the defendant driving on Golden Avenue with a broken taillight lens. Deputy Sowards stopped the car, contacted the defendant and immediately observed the strong odor of alcohol coming from the defendant's mouth. Deputy Sowards also noticed that the defendant's eyes were bloodshot and that he had slurred speech. Deputy Sowards conducted a driving while intoxicated investigation and obtained a breath sample from the Defendant to establish his blood alcohol content. The breath instrument, which was located on scene, registered a BAC of .083. The defendant admitted that he had been drinking alcohol and that he was under the influence of alcohol.

The range of punishment for driving with an excessive blood alcohol content is 1 day to 180 days in the Greene County Jail and/or a fine of up to 500 dollars. The range of punishment for the conviction for operating a motor vehicle without properly functioning taillights is an infraction and punishable by a fine not to exceed 200 dollars. Judge Imhof set a sentencing hearing for March 18, 2013.

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, State v. Shamu Wims, 1231-CR04712.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Doug Hansen and Kevin Young. It was investigated by the Greene County Sheriff's Office and Corporal Christopher Sowards was the lead investigator assigned to the case. Greene County Deputy Ronald Killingsworth and Springfield Police Officer Shawn Clawson also testified for the State.

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