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SPRINGFIELD MAN FOUND GUILTY OF DOMESTIC ASSAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Travis Seek, 39, of Springfield, MO was found guilty yesterday by a Greene County Jury of one count of domestic assault in the third degree following a jury trial before the Honorable Michael Cordonnier. The jury deliberated for less than two hours before delivering their verdict.

The evidence at trial showed that an argument occurred between the defendant and the victim, his wife. The police were called and upon their arrival, the defendant fled the residence. When police left the scene, the defendant returned to the residence, where he entered through a ground floor window into the bedroom where the victim was sleeping. The defendant grabbed the victim's mouth with such force that the victim was unable to breathe and suffered a laceration and bruising to her mouth. When the police were called a second time, the defendant again fled upon their arrival. Police observed blood on the victim's face and a window screen lying outside the apartment.

The defendant was found to be a persistent misdemeanor offender. He has prior convictions for distribution of a controlled substance, trespass in the first degree, assault in the third degree, and domestic assault in the third degree. The defendant faces a range of punishment of up to one year in the Greene County Jail. Immediately after the jury returned its verdict, Judge Cordonnier revoked the defendant's bond and remanded the defendant to the custody of the Greene County Jail. Judge Cordonnier set a sentencing hearing on September 5, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in Division 1.

This case highlights the importance of ensuring that our community is aware of the resources available to those being subjected to domestic violence. Studies show that leaving an abusive relationship can be one of the most dangerous times for victims of domestic violence and that victims fear worse violence at the hands of their abuser if

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they leave or call the police. Citizens are encouraged to contact 911 immediately for help if subjected to domestic abuse. Two local organizations, Harmony House and the Victim Center, offer 24-hour assistance for anyone suffering from immediate trauma. Please contact the Family Violence Center 24-hour crisis line at (417) 864-7233 if you or anyone you know may be in a situation requiring immediate assistance. Advocates are available to speak on the phone and meet at the hospital or the police department 24-hours a day.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Jennifer Crancer and Christopher Hoeman. It was investigated by Officer Michael Ramsey and Detective Brady Shryer of the Springfield Police Department.

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