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TRAVIS A. DIBBEN ENTERS GUILTY PLEA

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that on February 11, 2013, Travis A. Dibben, 31, of Rogersville, Missouri entered a guilty plea to distributing a controlled substance.

Travis A. Dibben entered a guilty plea before the Honorable Dan Conklin to the charge contained in the felony information.

The facts supporting Mr. Dibben's guilty plea include, but are not limited to, the State being able to show that on March 3, 2010, undercover law enforcement with the Springfield Police Department had been in contact with Tyler and Travis Dibben and made arrangements with them throughout the prior days to purchase cocaine. The amount and price for the cocaine substance was negotiated over the phone; that being approximately \$220.00 for a "ball" and/or "eight ball" of cocaine.

Additionally, the State's case would have been supported at trial through the testimony of Officer Nelson Kibby, other witnesses of the State, and an audio recording of the transaction confirming that after making the above-referenced arrangements with Tyler and Travis Dibben, the parties did meet on March 3, 2010, at a location in Greene County, Missouri, where the defendant was a party to knowingly distributing cocaine salt, a controlled substance, to Officer Nelson Kibby and others, knowing that it was a controlled substance.

Under the plea agreement, the defendant is subject to a possible sentence of 5 years to 30 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. Mr. Dibben was offered, and did accept, a Suspended Imposition of Sentence pursuant to Section 217.785,

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RSMo, and will report to the Circuit Court of Greene County, Missouri on May 10, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., at which time he will be taken into the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections and receive substance abuse treatment for a period of 120 days. At the conclusion of the 120 day incarceration, Mr. Dikken will be placed on a term of probation, supervised through Probation and Parole, for a period of five years.

The Greene County Prosecuting Attorney reminds us that each case is based on its own merits and that any offer by the State is made according to those merits in an effort to achieve a fair and just disposition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Benjamin A. McBride. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Nelson Kibby was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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