



NEWS RELEASE
GREENE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
DAN PATTERSON

Contact: Rhonda Ogden, Office Manager – (417) 868-4061
1010 Boonville
Springfield, MO 65802

06/25/2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Woman Guilty of Threatening Disabled Siblings

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Shelly Loux, 48, of Willard, Missouri, was found guilty this week of committing the crime of unlawful use of a weapon. The conviction followed a jury trial before the Honorable Calvin Holden. The jury deliberated for nearly two hours.

The evidence at trial showed that Loux drove to the home of two elderly, disabled Springfield residents on October 24, 2012, to pick up her 31-year-old daughter, who was employed caring for the residents. When her daughter did not feel comfortable leaving with the defendant, Loux pulled a large kitchen knife from her pants and threatened the disabled siblings. Law enforcement officers later described Loux as being in an alcohol-induced psychosis.

Loux's defense attorney argued that the defendant's actions were justified because Loux believed her daughter to be in danger, and the defendant was acting in defense of her daughter. Missouri law allows a person to act to protect another person in certain circumstances, if he or she believes the person to be in danger. However, that belief must be reasonable. Jurors did not believe that a reasonable person would have thought Loux's daughter was in any kind of danger.

Judge Holden scheduled a sentencing hearing on August 22, 2014 at 2:15 p.m. She faces up to four years in the Missouri Department of Corrections and/or a fine of up to \$5000. While awaiting sentencing, Loux will be participating in the Greene County Mental Health Court Program.

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, State v. Loux, 1231-CR06870-01

The Greene County Prosecutor's Office encourages all citizens to contact law enforcement when confronted with an individual whom they suspect to be intoxicated or mentally ill and possibly violent.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Sarah Devlin and James Whiteside. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department, and Officer C. Thor Bersted was the responding officer.

###