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MAN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY AND ASSAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Anthony Lee Cal Jr, 26, of Springfield, MO was convicted Tuesday by a Greene County Jury for attempting to rob a man of his headphones and punching a woman minutes later. The attempted robbery and the assault were separate events occurring within minutes of each other in downtown Springfield.

Cal was found guilty of Attempted Robbery in the Second Degree and Assault in the Second Degree contained in the felony information. The jury deliberated for two and a half hours before returning its verdict.

The victim of the attempted robbery testified that he and his friend were in downtown Springfield at the Halloween Pub Crawl on the night of October 26, 2013. In the early morning hours of October 27th the defendant and a group of four other men approached the victim asking about the headphones around his neck. The defendant attempted to take the headphones and the victim was punched in the mouth. The headphones broke and the group of men left down the street. Just a few minutes later, in a nearby parking garage, the defendant and his friends encountered their second victim. The parking garage had surveillance cameras; however, they did not capture the complete crime. An independent witness to the assault bravely came forward and testified at trial that he saw the group of five men approach two women in the parking garage and that the defendant struck the victim in the head. The victim of the assault sustained a skull fracture, brain bleed, and temporary facial paralysis. From the available video surveillance Springfield Police were able to identify the defendant and his photo was presented in a lineup to the robbery victim who immediately identified Cal as one of his assailants.

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, State v.
Cal, 1331-CR07622-01

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Calvin Holden. The defendant was charged as a prior and persistent offender and is subject to a sentence of up to 15 years imprisonment on each count. Judge Holden set a sentencing hearing for 02/06/2015 @ 2:30:00 PM following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

This case is being prosecuted by First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney James Whiteside and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Dawn Diel. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Scott Hill was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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