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JURY CONVICTS MAN OF RAPE OF EX-WIFE

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Bradley Eugene Smith, 42, of Willard, Missouri was convicted today by a Greene County Jury of forcible rape, armed criminal action, burglary in the first degree, and violation of an order of protection.

The evidence at trial established that Smith unlawfully entered his ex-wife's home while she was at work. When she returned home, Smith came out of a bedroom and confronted her. After a brief struggle Smith picked the victim up and carried her to the bedroom. The victim attempted to mace Smith but Smith was able to physically take the mace away from the victim. During this struggle, the victim realized that Smith had a handgun in his pocket. In fear for her life, she quit physically fighting and submitted to sexual intercourse with Smith.

A key to prosecution success in this case was the victim's actions immediately after the offense. The victim was able to convince Smith to allow her to leave the home. Immediately upon leaving, she went to the police station. The police were able to collect the necessary evidence and question Smith close in time to these events.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Dan Conklin.   Smith is subject to a minimum sentence of ten years in prison to a maximum sentence of life.   Judge Conklin set a sentencing hearing for February 11, 2015, at 10:00am following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole. Smith remains free on a previously posted bond of $100,000.00 over objection of the State.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Christopher Hoeman and Olivia McNair. It was investigated by the Greene County Sheriff's Office and Detective Judy Walker was the lead investigator assigned to the case.