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**Multi-Count Forger Sentenced to 13 Years in Department of Corrections**

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Theresa C. Marshall, 35, of Ozark, MO was sentenced today for multiple counts of forgery, possessing forging instruments, possession of a controlled substance, resisting arrest and stealing by deceit.

Marshall was sentenced by The Honorable Thomas Mountjoy to 13 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for charges contained in the felony informations in cases numbered 1331-CR01239-01, 1331-CR04063-01, 1331-CR03927-01, 1331-CR00337-01, 1331-CR03929-01 and 1331-CR05296-01. The State asked for a total of 20 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. Defendant requested probation.

In the time between January 2012 and August 2013, Marshall and others were involved in the alteration and cashing of multiple forged checks. Some checks were reported stolen in a car theft, some from a burglary and others were intercepted in the mail. Marshall was also found with fake IDs, tools to alter checks and controlled substances.

When sending checks in the mail, citizens are encouraged to monitor who cashes the check, what amount the check clears for and to promptly report any alteration to their bank and the police. Fast reporting allows police to work with local businesses and banks to quickly recover any surveillance and other evidence that can lead to arrests and convictions that stop these crimes. Citizens are also encouraged to keep records of checks, credit cards and debit cards and report the theft of those items to their bank and police immediately.

**This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Jody Larison. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Matthew Farmer was the lead investigator assigned on the case.**

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