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**SPRINGFIELD MAN GIVEN EIGHTY-FIVE (85) YEAR SENTENCE
FOR SHOOTING AT POLICE**

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Robert C. Rost, 37, of Springfield, Missouri was sentenced last Friday, 09/16/22, to eighty-five (85) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections by the Honorable David Jones. On May 19, 2022, after a four-day trial, a Greene County Jury found Robert C. Rost guilty of the felonies of unlawful use of a weapon, armed criminal action, assault in the second degree of a special victim, and tampering in the first degree. In connection with the findings of guilt, the defendant was determined to be a persistent felony offender by the Court.

On March 23, 2017, officers from the Springfield Police Department initiated a traffic stop of a truck that was speeding on Chestnut Expressway. The truck turned south onto Kansas Expressway and emergency lights were activated in an attempt to pull the vehicle over. The truck did not stop and turned onto College Street and then onto Lexington Avenue, a residential street in Springfield where it came to a stop. The officers exited their patrol vehicle and as they were walking towards the truck, the truck began to drive away at a high rate of speed. The officers began to run back to their patrol vehicle and heard multiple gunshots as the driver shot at the officers and their patrol vehicle through the back window of the truck. Later determined stolen, the truck was recovered from a field a short distance from the residence of Robert C. Rost. Through their investigation, detectives with the Springfield Police Department were able to collect evidence tying Robert C. Rost to the vehicle, and showing him in possession of it during the days leading up to the shooting. One officer sustained injuries from debris from the gunfire.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecutors Phil Fuhrman and Chris Lebeck. The case was investigated by the Springfield Police Department. Detective Christopher Barb was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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