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Man Found Guilty of Assaulting Elderly Woman

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Ryan Robert Houston, 43, of Springfield, Missouri was convicted yesterday, 12/07/2022, by a Greene County Jury for tampering with a motor vehicle and assault in the 2nd degree for events that occurred on October 16, 2018.

Houston was found guilty of the 2 counts contained in the felony information. The jury deliberated for 1 hour and 40 minutes before returning its verdict.

The evidence at trial showed the Defendant was driving a stolen vehicle when he ran the stop sign at Hillcrest and Chestnut Expressway and crashed into the victim's vehicle, causing the elderly victim serious physical injury that required hospitalization.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Jerry Harmison. The defendant is subject to a sentence of 10 years to 30 years or life. Judge Harmison set a sentencing hearing for Feb 16 2023 at 11:00AM following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Kimberley Pulley and Joseph Bliss. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department.

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