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CONVICT FOUND GUILTY OF NEW ROBBERY

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Ryan Antonio Lewis, 32, of Springfield, Missouri, was convicted today by a Greene County Jury of the 2014 robbery of another Springfield resident. The defendant was found guilty as charged of robbery in the first degree and armed criminal action.

At trial, the State proved the defendant went to conduct a drug transaction at a Springfield home. After the home owner allowed the defendant inside, the defendant assaulted the victim and with assistance of others had the victim's hands and feet bound. The defendant threatened to kill the victim with a knife, struck him, and burned him with a methamphetamine pipe. This assault took place over several hours. The defendant then stole the victim's car keys and fled in the victim's car. The defendant was arrested three days later when he was caught with the victim's car at a Springfield convenience store.

The jury deliberated for thirty minutes before returning their guilty verdict. The defendant is a prior and persistent felony offender having served a ten year prison sentence for assault first degree, burglary first degree, tampering first degree, and arson first degree. The defendant was released from the Department of Corrections less than two months before committing these new crimes. As a prior and persistent felony offender, the defendant faces a range of punishment from ten years to life imprisonment.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Thomas Mountjoy. Judge Mountjoy set a sentencing hearing for June 17, 2016 following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Nicholas Jain and Jonathan Barker. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Matthew Farmer was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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