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GREENE COUNTY JURY FINDS ARKANSAS MAN GUILTY OF SEVENTH DWI

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Roger Wayne Sallee, 41, of Cotter, Arkansas was convicted on Monday, October 3, by a Greene County Jury of driving while intoxicated (DWI) as a chronic offender, following a one day jury trial. The jury deliberated five minutes before delivering their verdict.

Sallee was convicted as a chronic DWI offender. The DWI statute defines a chronic offender as someone who has at least four prior alcohol-related driving offenses. Sallee has at least seven prior DWI convictions to date, including one conviction for an offense which took place after the crime charged in this case.

In this case, Officer Chad Hartman of the Springfield Police Department stopped Sallee on February 15, 2015, after a concerned citizen made a report of an intoxicated driver. When Officer Hartman attempted to pull the defendant over, the defendant attempted to exit the parking lot they were in but became stuck on an exit ramp. After the defendant exited his car, Officer Hartman immediately noticed a strong odor of intoxicants. Officer Hartman then asked the defendant to complete standardized field sobriety tests, all of which indicated that the defendant was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle. After the defendant was arrested, he began cursing and using profanity towards a Springfield Police officer who was doing Sallee the courtesy of reparking his car. At the Greene County Jail, the defendant consented to provide a breath sample which indicated that his blood alcohol level was .191, over twice the legal limit.

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, State v. Sallee, 1531-CR03934-01

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Calvin Holden. Because of his prior convictions, the defendant is subject to a sentence of five to thirty years in the Missouri Department of Corrections and by statute, must serve at least two years in the Department of Corrections before he is eligible for parole. Judge Holden set a sentencing hearing for December 19, 2016 at 2:30PM, following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney James Miao. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Officer Chad Hartman was the officer who conducted the DWI investigation.

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