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MAN FOUND GUILTY OF SODOMY SENTENCED TO 120 DAY TREATMENT
FOLLOWED BY PROBATION

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Spencer Gabriel Salm, 24, of Lee's Summit, MO was sentenced on Friday, October 7, 2016 after being found guilty of Sodomy in the Second Degree by a jury following a trial that took place in August.

Salm was sentenced by The Honorable Thomas Mountjoy to 7 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections, however, Salm will be eligible for release on probation upon completion of a 120 day substance abuse treatment program.

On November 22, 2013, the defendant was visiting friends who attended Missouri State University. Evidence showed he and the victim went to a local club, began dancing, and were seen kissing each other. The defendant and the victim ended up alone in the back seat of a car in the parking lot of an apartment complex near MSU. The victim testified that she was comfortable kissing the defendant but told him she would not go further. As the defendant began making sexual advances, she repeatedly told the defendant "no" and "stop." The victim testified that the defendant had sexual intercourse and deviate sexual intercourse with her without her consent. Afterwards, she contacted a friend to get a ride. The friend testified the victim was hysterical and kept repeating, "I told him no." When they returned to their dorm, MSU staff was contacted and the police and medical providers were notified.

The defendant faced up to 7 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections based on the jury's verdict. The State recommended that Salm be sentenced to a maximum sentence, specifically noting the defendant's failure to take responsibility for his actions or express any remorse. During the sentencing hearing, the victim's father

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addressed the court regarding the impact that this crime continues to have on the victim and her family. The defendant's attorney requested that Salm be placed on probation.

After sentencing the defendant, Judge Mountjoy set an appeal bond in the amount of \$10,000. Salm posted that bond the same day and remains free on bond while the case is considered by the Missouri Southern District Court of Appeals.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Christopher Hoeman and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Nathan Chapman. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Annesha Umbarger was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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