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JURY CONVICTS DRUG TRAFFICKER

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that James D. Cardelli, 24, of Springfield, Missouri, was convicted yesterday, November 16, 2016, by a Greene County Jury of the offenses of trafficking methamphetamine in the 2nd degree and possession of hydrocodone for events that took place on or about February 20, 2016 in Springfield, Missouri.

The evidence at trial showed that the Defendant was carrying a backpack when he arrived at a residence where police had responded to a call for service. The Defendant was arrested for an outstanding warrant, and law enforcement found approximately 60 grams of methamphetamine in the Defendant's pocket. A subsequent search of the Defendant's backpack revealed an unmarked pill bottle containing hydrocodone pills, multiple unused plastic baggies, a digital scale, and over \$1,400 in cash. The Defendant admitted to law enforcement that he was a methamphetamine dealer, that he had been actively selling methamphetamine and that if law enforcement had stopped him earlier in the week he would have had more methamphetamine on his person.

A typical user amount of methamphetamine is approximately one gram, which typically sells for \$80 to \$100 a gram on the streets of Springfield.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable David Jones. The Defendant is subject to a sentence of five to fifteen years in the Department of Corrections on Count I and up to seven years in the Department of Corrections on Count II. Judge Jones set a sentencing hearing for January 5, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, State v.
Cardelli, 1631-CR04697-01

Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson wishes to recognize the Springfield Police Department and the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Laboratory for removing dangerous drugs, and the Defendants who sell them, from our community.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Zachary McFarland and Wyatt Dameron. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Sergeant Curt Ringgold was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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