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Foster Parent Sentenced to Life in Prison

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Thomas S. Skinner II, 44, of Springfield, Missouri was sentenced today for statutory rape and statutory sodomy of a foster child who resided in his home for multiple years. The sexual abuse spanned a four year period and began when the child was eight years old. A second victim testified at sentencing that she was sexually abused by Skinner while she was a foster child in his home over a two year period. She testified the abuse began when she was five years of age.

Skinner was sentenced by the Honorable Calvin Holden to the maximum sentence of life in the Missouri Department of Corrections for the charges of statutory rape in the first degree and statutory sodomy in the first degree for events that took place on or about November 30, 2014, in Greene County, Missouri.

Dan Patterson emphasizes the importance of protecting the most vulnerable children in our community and ensuring every child is protected. Patterson encourages continued community collaboration with organizations supporting children.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Sarah Donelan. It was investigated by the Greene County Sheriff's Office and Detective Blaine Kennard was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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