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Jury Convicts Man in Shooting at Former Step-father

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Austen D. May, 20, of Springfield, Missouri, was convicted today by a Greene County jury in a July 2016 shooting that occurred at 843 S. Nettleton Avenue in Springfield.

May was found guilty of the single count of unlawful use of a weapon by shooting at a person contained in the felony information for events that took place on July 2, 2016. The evidence was that May went to the victim's house following a verbal argument between the victim and May's mother. After May's mother had left the victim's residence, May drove to the victim's residence and parked his car in the roadway directly in front of the residence. May then exited his vehicle, pointed a handgun at the victim, threatened him and fired a single shot at him before driving away. The incident was witnessed by several witnesses in the neighborhood. The jury deliberated for approximately an hour and twenty minutes following a day and a half trial.

Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson, said, "We are grateful to the citizens who witnessed this violent crime and stepped forward to cooperate with the investigation and prosecution making it possible to hold the defendant accountable for his actions."

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Calvin Holden. The defendant is subject to a mandatory sentence of fifteen years with only the issue of probation to be determined by the Court. Judge Holden set a sentencing hearing for June 9, 2017, at 2:30 pm following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, State v.
May, 1631-CR04891-01

This case is being prosecuted by First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Philip Fuhrman and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Scott Lucy. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Kelly Patton was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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