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FORMER WATER TREATMENT PLANT MANAGER FOUND GUILTY

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Kelly A. Green, 44, entered a guilty plea to the Class C Felony of Receiving Stolen Property for disposing of herbicides belonging to the City of Springfield by using them on his private farm in Polk County.

Green entered a guilty plea before the Honorable Judge Calvin Holden on April 28, 2017.

The State argued at sentencing that because Green both stole from his employer and violated his position of public trust, it was important that he receive a conviction while the defense argued for a suspended imposition of sentence, avoiding a felony conviction. The court ultimately granted the Defendant's request for suspended imposition of sentence and placed the Defendant on five years of supervised probation.

At the time of the offense, Green was the Southwest Water Treatment Plant manager. Through an extensive investigation completed by Detective Kevin Sweckard with the Springfield Police Department, it was discovered that Green had used city personnel and resources to buy herbicides for use on his own private properties. Green later resigned from his position with the city after the crime was discovered.

Green's probation will be supervised by the Department of Probation and Parole.

**This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Justin Stanek. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Kevin Sweckard was the lead investigator assigned to the case.**

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