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MAN FOUND NOT GUILTY OF RESISTING A LAWFUL STOP

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that a Greene County Jury found Cortell Glynn Scott, 28, of Springfield, Missouri, not guilty of resisting a lawful stop as charged in the felony information. The jury deliberated for approximately one hour before returning its verdict.

The evidence at trial showed that on October 23, 2014, in Springfield, Missouri, the defendant had an active warrant for his arrest. Detectives with the Springfield Police Department located a vehicle associated with the defendant and testified that the defendant was the driver. The defendant fled the scene of an initial traffic stop, but was located a few minutes later driving the same vehicle. The defendant fled from police again when he accelerated to 70 miles per hour in a 25 mile per hour residential neighborhood and began dangerously passing a vehicle. Police stopped their pursuit at that time. Scott was later charged for these events.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable David Jones. After trial, members of the jury indicated that while the driver's behavior was criminal, they were not firmly convinced the defendant was the driver.

Mr. Patterson wishes to thank the Springfield Police Department for keeping the public safe and their efforts in this case.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Zachary McFarland and Scott Lucy. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Justin Gargus was the lead investigator assigned to the case.