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JURY CONVICTS MAN OF POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Mark Alan Doty, 57, of Springfield, was convicted Tuesday by a Greene County Jury of possession of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute.

Doty was found guilty of Count I contained in the felony information. The jury deliberated for approximately an hour and a half before returning its verdict.

The evidence at trial showed that the Springfield Police Department executed a search warrant at 1531 North Wabash on November 3, 2015. The Defendant was found at the location with multiple plastic baggies on his person and \$1,100.00 in cash. A backpack at the location had over 20 grams of methamphetamine in a false bottom can, a digital scale, and multiple documents bearing the Defendant's name. The Defendant admitted to using drugs, but denied selling drugs. A firearm was found in the same vicinity as the backpack.

The jury found the Defendant not guilty of Counts II and III in the felony information that charged Unlawful Possession of a Firearm and Unlawful Use of a Weapon, respectively.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Thomas Mountjoy. Due to his criminal history, the Defendant is subject to a sentence of ten to thirty years or life in the Department of Corrections without the possibility of probation or parole on Count I. Judge Mountjoy set a sentencing hearing for January 4, 2019, at 2:15 p.m. following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, State v. Doty, 1631-CR03351-01

Mr. Patterson wishes to thank the Springfield Police Department Narcotic Enforcement Team for their efforts in removing dangerous drugs from our community.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Zachary McFarland and by Rule 13 intern Dakota Paris. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Jason Copley was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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