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Man Sentenced in Child Beating

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that John Ross Albert, 21, of Springfield, Missouri, was sentenced today for abusing his then-girlfriend's 3 year old son. Albert repeatedly threw and squeezed the two year old victim causing several life-threatening internal injuries to the victim's abdomen. The victim had lacerations and tears to several of his internal organs and ultimately had to have his colon removed. In addition to those internal injuries, the victim had multiple fractured ribs and several bruises to his body. The victim underwent several surgeries to repair the injuries and spent approximately two months in the hospital. The child will suffer from long-term physical issues due to the severity of his injuries. Albert admitted to law enforcement that he became frustrated with the child when the child refused to stay in "time out" and that he repeatedly squeezed and threw the child across the child's bedroom. The abuse occurred on June 27, 2011. On July 24, 2012, Albert pled guilty to the class A felony of assault in the first degree and class C felony of child abuse.

Albert was sentenced by The Honorable Calvin Holden to 12 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections on the assault in the first degree conviction and 7 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections on the child abuse. Those sentences are to run concurrently to each other for a total of 12 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. Probation was denied. Prior to deciding the sentence, Judge Holden heard arguments from the prosecutor and the defense. The prosecutor requested a sentence of 20 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, State v.
Albert, 1131-CR04441

This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Stephanie Wan. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Eric Reece was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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