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Former Councilman Charged in Thanksgiving Incident

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Nicholas B. Ibarra, 32, of Springfield, Missouri has been charged today with the felony assaults of two victims and felony tampering with evidence following a Thanksgiving day “road rage” incident.

Ibarra, was charged by felony complaint in Counts 1 and 3 with two counts of assault in the second degree for events that took place on or about November 24, 2011 in Springfield, Missouri during which Ibarra drug two victims with his vehicle injuring both. (Note that Count 2 merely charges alternative facts that also constitute assault in the second degree of the first victim). The defendant was also charged in Count 4 with tampering with physical evidence in a felony investigation for concealing a beer bottle that was seen by witnesses in his car during the incident.

Mr. Patterson cautions that the charges contained in the felony complaint are merely allegations and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

This case is being prosecuted by Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson. It is being investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Springfield Police Department. MSHP Sergeant Robert Vaughan and Springfield Police Detective Chris McPhail are the lead investigators assigned to the case.

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