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GREENE COUNTY JURY CONVICTS WOMAN OF POSSESSION OF
METHAMPHETAMINE

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Rhonda A. Casteel, 47, of Springfield, MO was convicted today by a Greene County Jury of the felony of possessing methamphetamine.

Casteel was found guilty of the sole count contained in the felony information. The jury deliberated for one hour before returning its verdict.

The Defendant was found guilty by the jury of possession of controlled substance, methamphetamine, for events that took place on or about 09/13/2011 in Springfield, Missouri. In this case, after being placed under arrest for an unrelated matter, the defendant attempted to hide methamphetamine in the back seat of the police car. Following Springfield Police Department policy, Officer Kyle Campbell searched the back seat of the police car and discovered the methamphetamine.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Dan Conklin. The defendant is subject to a sentence of 1 day to 1 year in the Greene County Jail; 2 years to 15 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections; a fine of up to \$5,000. Judge Conklin set a sentencing hearing for 10/31/2013 10:00 AM following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

This case is being prosecuted by Senior Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys D. Clayton Ballard & Penny Speake. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department. Officer Kyle Campbell was the arresting officer and Detective Casey Wilkerson was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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