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Child Rapist's Convictions Affirmed for Second Time

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that the convictions of Jeffery A. Dickson, 43, of Springfield, Missouri, for child kidnapping, forcible rape of a child less than twelve years old and two counts of forcible sodomy of a child less than twelve years old have been affirmed for a second time by a reviewing court. Mr. Dickson is currently serving sentences of life imprisonment on each count with each sentence to run consecutive to one another.

After Mr. Dickson's sentencing, he filed an appeal with the Southern District of the Missouri Court of Appeals. On June 2, 2011, the Court of Appeals upheld the defendant's convictions and sentences. Mr. Dickson then filed a motion for post-conviction relief with the Greene County Circuit Court asking the Court to vacate, set aside or correct the judgment or sentence where he alleged that he received ineffective assistance from his trial counsel. Evidence was presented on the matter during a two day hearing taking place on May 9-10, 2013.

Yesterday, the Honorable Michael Cordonnier found that Mr. Dickson's allegations were without merit and denied Dickson's motion for post-conviction relief.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Russell Dempsey. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Chad Hampton was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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