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DRUNK DRIVER GIVEN PROBATION BY JUDGE FOR KILLING WOMAN

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Dylan Meyer, 21, of Springfield, Missouri was sentenced today for involuntary manslaughter in the first degree for causing the death of Ms. Kelly Williams. In the early morning hours of February 10, 2015, the Defendant was driving while intoxicated at speeds over ninety miles an hour on Campbell Avenue at Battlefield Road when he drove his vehicle through a red light striking Ms. Williams's vehicle and splitting it in half. Mr. Patterson stated that "he was extremely disappointed that the defendant was granted probation and a slap on the wrist in such an egregious case."

When the Defendant was questioned by officers about how much he had to drink that night, the Defendant responded "enough." The Defendant's blood alcohol level of .266 at the time of the crash was more than three times the legal limit of .08. The Defendant also had THC in his system indicating marijuana use. The Defendant was taken to the hospital following the crash where he was combative and had to be restrained while yelling expletives at hospital staff and police officers. While in the Greene County Jail, Meyer wrote a letter to a friend stating "I don't wanna go to prison but I guess I may not have a choice. I may get a 120 day treatment program out of it, if I play this off like I'm an alcoholic."

At the time the Defendant killed Ms. Williams he also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest out of Greene County for the offense of minor in possession of alcohol and was on probation in Pulaski County for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

During the sentencing hearing the State requested that Meyer serve a 10 year prison sentence. The defense requested that the Court grant Meyer probation. Meyer was sentenced by The Honorable David Jones to five years of probation with a

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suspended ten year sentence. The range of punishment for this offense was between five and fifteen years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. Meyer's punishment was less than what he told his friend in his jail letter that he expected to receive.

Despite being disappointed with the outcome, Mr. Patterson stated that he was "extremely proud of the work of First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Philip Fuhrman and the investigation by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Brian Reeves."

