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Michael Mount Sentenced for 5 Felonies and 2 Misdemeanors Following a Bench Trial

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Michael Scott Mount, 43, was sentenced on Friday, August 16, 2024 for trafficking in stolen identities, stealing, forgery, identity theft, possession of a controlled substance, resisting arrest and assault. The bench trial on this case was held on March 27, 2024. Verdict was announced on April 19, 2024 where the Judge found the defendant guilty of trafficking in stolen identities, stealing, forgery, identity theft, possession of a controlled substance, resisting arrest and assault. The Judge found the defendant not guilty of tampering with an electronic monitoring device and trafficking drugs.

On August 16, 2024 a sentencing hearing was held during which Judge Katie Greenwade heard from the assistant prosecutor regarding Mr. Mounts' extensive criminal history, the effect of his crimes on the community, and the number of individuals who have been victimized by the defendant. Judge Greenwade reviewed the information provided in a sentencing assessment report filed by Probation and Parole, reviewed the sentencing memorandum filed by the State and reviewed jail calls and text messages the defendant had made, before hearing argument from Mr. Mounts' attorney. After considering all the information provided at sentencing and during the trial, Judge Greenwade sentenced Mr. Mount to 15 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for the charges contained in the felony information.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Kimberley Pulley and Alex Bailey. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Jacob Boomgaarden was the lead investigator assigned to the case.