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JURY FINDS SPRINGFIELD MAN GUILTY OF DOMESTIC ASSAULT FOR
STRANGULATION CASE

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Matthew M. Wolfel, 48, of Springfield, Missouri was convicted on January 11, 2024, by a Greene County jury of the domestic assault of his girlfriend who was also the mother of his child. The jury convicted Wolfel of one count of domestic assault in the second degree for strangling her and two counts of domestic assault in the third degree for causing physical pain to the victim by slamming her head into the floor and a table. There had been prior abuse prior to the victim calling 911, but the victim stated she had quit her job to raise their child at the defendant's request and felt trapped. She said everything went well for a couple months, until the last incident in which she called 911. The jury recommended the defendant be sentenced to four years for domestic assault in the second degree and one year on each of the domestic assault in the third-degree charges.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Kaiti Greenwade. This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Sheri Tucker and Katelynn Frazier. It was investigated by the Greene County Sheriff's Office and Detective Daniel Zacek Smith was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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