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FELON CONVICTED OF UNLAWFULLY POSSESSING A FIREARM

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Aden Xavier Warr. Harper, 43, of Springfield, MO was convicted on October 23, 2024 by a Greene County Jury of unlawful possession a firearm by a felon.

On August 13, 2020, Springfield Police responded to a report of a disturbance where a vehicle driver was aggressively following another vehicle and attempting to strike the other vehicle. The original report of the disturbance was called in as the vehicles were in the area of Kansas Expressway and College in Springfield. The vehicles continued, with both driver's contacting 911 during the incident, with one of the drivers reporting the other, later identified as Aden Harper, had pointed a handgun at him. The vehicles continued driving until they were in the area of US65 and Evans where Greene County Deputies were able to make a traffic stop on the vehicle driven by Harper. Harper was found to be the only occupant of the vehicle. During a search of Harper's vehicle by Springfield Police a loaded black Canik TP9 DA pistol with S/N T6472-19 BJ 00762, was located in the glove box. During a records check Harper was found to have previous felony convictions for two counts of Second Degree Burglary, Stealing, and Forgery.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Joshua Christensen. Judge Christensen set a sentencing hearing for December 6, 2024 at 1:00 pm following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Christopher Lebeck and Ethan Auten. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department. Detective Brian Smith was the lead investigator on the case.

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