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Boyfriend Convicted of Assaulting and Raping Girlfriend
after Having her Falsely Report Assault by Ex-boyfriend.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Robert Mutter, 36, of Springfield, Missouri was convicted on August 8, 2024 by a Greene County Jury of assaulting his girlfriend. The jury convicted Mutter of domestic assault in the first degree, domestic assault in the third degree, and rape in the first degree.

On 02/04/2022 at approximately 10:00 pm, Springfield Police were dispatched to the Dollar General located at 1057 E Commercial Street in response to a report of a past domestic assault. Upon arrival, police observed the victim with heavy swelling to the left side of her head and eye, her face turning purple and blood coming from the area of her left eye. The victim was upset and crying and her boyfriend the defendant, Mutter, was standing with her. Mutter did not leave her side throughout the interview at the Dollar General and also remained at her side at Mercy Hospital.

The victim would later report that Mutter forced her to lie about the incident and that she could not tell the truth initially because Mutter was with her the entire time and had threatened to kill her if she told the truth.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Kaiti Greenwade.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Jacqueline Ledezma-Ruelas and Conner Harris. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective David Hatch was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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