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Former Law Enforcement Officer and Boy Scout Leader found Guilty of Sex Crimes

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Ian Edwin Martin, 53, of Republic, Missouri was convicted today by a Greene County Jury on June 27, 2024. After two days of testimony and seven hours of deliberation, the jury found the former law enforcement officer, Boy Scout leader, and foster father guilty on nine counts and not guilty on eight counts.

Three victims testified against Ian Edwin Martin, who previously went by James, alleging abuse. Martin was previously an officer with Greene County Sheriff's Office, Christian County Sheriff's Office and Stone County Sheriff's Office. Two witnesses were Martin's foster children and another was a Boy Scout in a troop led by Martin. Detective James Stephenson, who is the Republic Police Department's person crimes detective, also testified regarding how the case against Martin was developed.

Six witnesses testified on behalf of Martin, including his domestic partner, sister, adopted sons and longtime friends. They testified that they never witnessed any instances of abuse and that they do not believe Martin would abuse children in his care.

One victim testified that various instances of abuse took place when he was in Martin's house between 2009 and 2010. The victim said that, in addition to spanking and tick checks similar to what another victim experienced, he was forced to touch Martin's genitals and that Martin touched the victim's genitals. The victim also testified that Martin penetrated him anally with objects. The victim said the abuse stopped when he got older. The jury found John Martin guilty of nine of the ten counts, involving this victim and found the defendant not guilty of the counts involving the other two victims.

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

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Martin, 2331-CR00217-01

This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Conner Harris and Sheri Tucker. It was investigated by the Republic Police Department and Detective James Stephenson was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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