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Man Who Had Been Banned from Store Convicted of Robbing It.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Johnny Eugene Wilson, 61, of Springfield, Missouri was convicted on September 25, 2024, by a Greene County Jury of robbing a local grocery store.

Wilson was found guilty of robbery in the first degree, trespassing and possessing drug paraphernalia. The defendant who had been given notice due to prior issues that he could not be on the premises of the Price Cutter store at the intersection of Chestnut Expressway and N. West Bypass, was observed by store staff shoplifting a bottle of alcohol. The employees called out to the defendant to stop and he produced what appeared to be a machete from his sleeve as he fled. It would later turn out to be a wooden fake machete.

Under Missouri law, robbery in the first degree can be committed forcible stealing using what appears to be a dangerous instrument.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Jerry Harmison.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Nicholas Bergeon. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Chad Hartman was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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