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Man Sentenced for Vandalizing New Covenant Academy

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Kyle Denver Black, 38, of Springfield, Missouri entered a guilty plea and was sentenced on January 26, 2024 for burglary in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree and institutional vandalism of New Covenant Academy.

Black was sentenced by the Honorable Jerry Harmison to 7 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for chargers contained in the felony information.

In Count 1: charging burglary in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree for events that took place on or about August 13, 2023, the defendant was sentenced to 7 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. This count involved unlawfully entering a building owned by New Covenant Academy.

In Count 2: charging institutional vandalism for events that took place on or about August 13, 2023, the defendant was sentenced to 7 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. This count involved damaging surveillance camera of the New Covenant school facility.

**This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Kimberley Pulley. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Zach Pugh was the lead investigator assigned to the case.**

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