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Springfield Man Found Guilty of 9<sup>th</sup> DWI

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Steven W. Marris, 58, of Springfield, Missouri was found guilty 10/13/2021 by a Greene County Jury of the felony of driving while intoxicated.

The Defendant was found guilty by the jury of driving while intoxicated for events that took place on or about August 1, 2018 in Springfield, Missouri. The jury deliberated for two hours before returning its verdict.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Jason Brown. The court found the defendant to be a habitual DWI offender due to his eight previous convictions for driving while intoxicated. As a habitual DWI offender and a prior and persistent felony offender, Marris is subject to a sentence of either ten to thirty years, or a life sentence. Judge Brown set a sentencing hearing for December 17, 2021 following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

The defendant was taken into custody after the verdict was announced and is being held on a \$25,000 bond.

**This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Syd Tippie and was tried by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Darren Dodd and Solon McGee. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Officer Zachary Compton was the lead investigator assigned to the case.**

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