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Jury Convicts Man of Assaulting Wife and Stepson

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Ricarte Soliben, 45, of Nixa, Missouri was convicted Wednesday by a Greene County Jury of the assault of his then wife and stepson in December of 2018. Soliben was found guilty of the felony of domestic assault in the 3rd degree for knowingly causing his wife physical pain by grabbing her by the neck and the misdemeanor of domestic assault in the 4th degree for recklessly causing his son physical pain by tackling him.

Soliben's wife testified at trial that he became angry and shoved her into a wall placing his forearm against her throat, before grabbing her neck and holding her over the bannister of the stairs that led to their basement. Soliben's stepson testified when he came upstairs after hearing shouting, Soliben attacked him, tackling him over a coffee table.

The jury deliberated for an hour and ten minutes before returning its verdict. The jury recommended a sentence of two years for the domestic assault 3rd degree and six months for the domestic assault 4th degree. The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable David Jones. Judge Jones set a sentencing hearing for Mar 13, 2020 at 10:30AM following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Dane Rennie and Morgan Kirkpatrick. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Tommy Nguyen was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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