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OKLAHOMA NATIVE SENTENCED TO MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS AFTER STRANGULATION OF SPRINGFIELD WOMAN

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Drew Curtis Scott, 33, was sentenced today for domestic assault after a bench trial held on January 6, 2021. Scott was arrested and charged after manually strangling his roommate who he was previously in a relationship with. Scott had a lengthy criminal history from the state of Oklahoma including convictions for two prior domestic assaults.

Scott was sentenced by The Honorable Becky Borthwick to four (4) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for the charge of domestic assault in the second degree as contained in the felony information, and denied probation. The State requested a seven (7) year sentence in the Department of Corrections while the defense requested a two (2) year sentence.

The altercation leading to the strangulation occurred after the victim refused to give Scott, who was heavily intoxicated, keys to the victim's vehicle. When law enforcement arrived following the strangulation, the victim had visible injuries to the victim's neck.

According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDVH), it is possible, however, to experience strangulation and present no immediate symptoms or injuries. Furthermore, according to NDVH, strangulation is one of the most lethal forms of domestic violence; death can result anywhere from immediately after the strangulation to weeks after the strangulation. Studies show if an intimate partner has strangled a victim in the past, the victim's likelihood of being killed at that individual's hand is ten (10) times higher that it would otherwise be.

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, State v. Scott, 2031-CR01605-01

Prosecuting Attorney Patterson reminds Greene County citizens if you, or someone you know, is experiencing domestic violence, help can be found at the Family Justice Center located at 1418 East Pythian Street, or by calling 417-874-2600. Alternatively, if you need after-hours assistance, help can be sought by calling the Harmony House / Victim Center's 24-hour safe line at 417-864-SAFE (7233). As always, if there is immediate danger, call 911.

Following the sentencing hearing, Scott was remanded by Judge Borthwick to the Greene County Jail and is awaiting transport to the Missouri Department of Corrections.

This case was prosecuted by former Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Sarah Donelan and sentencing arguments were handled by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Dakota W. Paris. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department.

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