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**CALIFORNIA NATIVE CONVICTED OF  
HOME INVASION ROBBERY, BURGLARY OF SPRINGFIELD COUPLE**

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Paul D. Hines, 37, of Springfield, Missouri was convicted by a Greene County judge of burglarizing a Springfield couples' home and robbing them at gunpoint.

Following presentation of the evidence in a bench trial, the Honorable David Jones found Hines guilty of both Robbery in the First Degree and Burglary in the First Degree for events that took place on December 18, 2018 in Springfield, Missouri.

On the above date, the Defendant and another individual entered a North Springfield couples' apartment and held the couple, along with their dog, on the floor, under a blanket, at gunpoint while ransacking the apartment. The Defendant took multiple items including the couples' television and jewelry. The Defendant and other individual also dug through the ashes of the female victim's mom and dumped the couples' grandchild's formula on the floor. Ultimately, the Defendant left the scene in the couples' vehicle which was later recovered outside of the Springfield area with extensive damage.

The Defendant was a California native who had only been in the Springfield area for a few months prior to the burglary and robbery. The Defendant had a lengthy criminal history out of California including possession of a dangerous weapon, felony infliction of corporal injury on a spouse, and felony possession of a controlled substance.

The Defendant in this case was charged as an accomplice. Under the law, an accomplice is equally as liable for the crime as is the main actor. In this case, while although the Defendant did not handle the firearm, he was still liable for the actions taken by the individual handling the

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firearm; thus Robbery in the First Degree, “... *displaying a firearm or other dangerous instrument.*”

The Defendant is subject to a sentence of ten years to thirty years, or life, in the Department of Corrections on the Class A Felony of Robbery in the First Degree and five to fifteen years in the Department of Corrections on the Class B Felony of Burglary in the First Degree. It should be noted Robbery in the First Degree has been defined by the Missouri Legislature as a dangerous felony. As such, the Defendant will be mandated to serve eighty-five percent of any prison sentence imposed before being eligible for parole. Judge Jones set a sentencing hearing for June 23, 2020 at 2:00 PM in Division 2 of the Greene County Circuit Court following a sentencing assessment report to be prepared by the Missouri Department of Probation and Parole.

**This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Dakota W. Paris and Emily L. Shook. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Christopher Barb was the lead investigator assigned to the case.**

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