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Jury Finds Methamphetamine Cook Guilty

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Robin R. Michels, 53, of Springfield, Missouri, was convicted late Thursday evening by a Greene County Jury of attempt to manufacture methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine. The jury heard evidence on Wednesday and Thursday of how on May 24, 2009, Michels was caught with numerous ingredients to manufacture methamphetamine. In addition to the ingredients, Michaels had methamphetamine in her pocket. The jury deliberated for approximately one hour before returning its verdict.

Michels is a prior and persistent felony drug offender based upon her prior convictions for manufacturing and possessing methamphetamine. As such, she is subject to an enhanced range of punishment from ten years to thirty years in prison.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Thomas Mountjoy. Judge Mountjoy set a sentencing hearing for April 6, 2012, following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

It should also be noted that Michels currently has seven additional felony cases pending. These cases include allegations for forgery, burglary, possession of chemicals with intent to manufacture methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a weapon and tampering with a vehicle. These charges are merely allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Kristen Tuohy. It was investigated by the Greene County Sheriff's Office and Detective James Inlow was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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