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MAN SENTENCED TO THIRTEEN YEARS IN PRISON FOR MOLESTING CHILD

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that John A. Smith, 38, of Springfield, Missouri, was sentenced today to thirteen years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for the felonies of Statutory Sodomy in the First Degree and Child Molestation in the First Degree, case number 1031-CR08381. The victim of these crimes was an eight year old relative that Smith was babysitting. The Honorable Calvin Holden denied probation and remanded Smith to prison. Smith will not be eligible for parole until he serves eighty-five percent of his sentence.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Jonathan Barker. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Fred Beck was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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