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MAN SENTENCED TO THIRTY YEARS FOR RAPING TWELVE YEAR OLD COUSIN

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Brian Manuel Southern, 35, of Springfield, MO was sentenced today for the statutory rape of his twelve-year old cousin.

Southern was found guilty by a Greene County jury of statutory rape in the first degree after a trial that concluded on June 15, 2012. The crime occurred in July of 2009. He was sentenced today by The Honorable Thomas Mountjoy to thirty years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for that conviction. Probation was denied.

The defendant also had several prior felony convictions including felony resisting an arrest, felon in possession of firearms, and trafficking of drugs in the second degree.

**This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Ami Miller and Casey Clark. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Nathan Thomas was the lead investigator assigned to the case.**

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