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MAN SENTENCED TO SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON FOR DOMESTIC ASSAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Justin Kirk Fender, 34, of Springfield, Missouri, entered a guilty plea and was sentenced today for assaulting his former girlfriend on June 18, 2011. Fender entered a guilty plea before the Honorable Michael Cordonnier to Domestic Assault in the Second Degree and Armed Criminal Action, both charges arising out of a home invasion and assault of his former girlfriend.

Under the plea agreement, the defendant was sentenced today to 7 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for Domestic Assault in the Second Degree and 3 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for Armed Criminal Action. The seven year sentence on Domestic Assault in the Second Degree is the maximum sentence for that charge. Also, because of the plea to Armed Criminal Action, the defendant is not eligible for parole or early release from prison until after three years.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Casey Clark. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Maggie McDowell was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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