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MAN SENTENCED TO TWENTY YEARS FOR DOWNTOWN RAPES

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Marvin R. Castellanos-Rivera, 26, of Springfield, Missouri, entered a guilty plea to attempted rape in the first degree, forcible rape, and two counts of assault in the third degree. Pursuant to a plea agreement with the State, the Honorable Judge Mountjoy sentenced the defendant to twenty years in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

The most recent case occurred on August 2, 2015 in downtown Springfield. The victim reported that the defendant, who was a stranger to her, came up behind her, grabbed her, and dragged her into an alley. He held a knife to her throat and attempted to pull down her pants and underwear. The defendant told her not to look at him and then struck her in the face. The defendant told her “all I want is sex.” The victim saw a bystander, identified as Trevor Logan, walking down the street and Mr. Logan intervened and stopped the assault. Mr. Logan noted that when he saw the defendant pushing the victim into a wall, Mr. Logan could see the defendant’s penis sticking through the zipper of his pants and that the victim had her pants and underwear pulled down. Officer Aaron Cottengim, Springfield Police Department, quickly apprehended the defendant and arrested him. At the jail, Officer Cottengim collected a sample of the defendant’s DNA.

The defendant’s DNA was submitted to the Missouri State Highway Patrol crime lab for analysis, and analysis revealed the defendant’s DNA was a match for suspect DNA in a cold-case rape that occurred in 2011. In that case, the victim was downtown when the defendant, who she did not know, approached her and attempted to speak to her. The victim tried to ignore him and the defendant came up behind her and hit her on the back of her head, causing her to fall to the ground. The defendant choked her,

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raped her, and then left. The victim submitted her clothes to the Springfield Police Department for analysis which led to the DNA match from the 2015 rape.

Neither victim knew each other or the defendant.

The defendant pled guilty today to all the charged offenses. In exchange for his guilty pleas, the defendant received a twenty year sentence in the Missouri Department of Corrections, probation denied. Because forcible rape is dangerous felony, the defendant will have to serve 85% of his sentence before he is eligible for parole. The defendant will also have to register as a sex offender and will be subject to lifetime supervision upon his release from the Department of Corrections. Furthermore, the guilty plea ensured that neither of the victims would have to testify and relive the trauma of these crimes.

The Greene County Prosecutor's Office would like to commend the intervening witness, Trevor Logan. His quick thinking allowed him to safely intervene and stop this defendant from raping the 2015 victim. His cooperation allowed the Springfield Police Department to quickly identify and apprehend the defendant and led to timely convictions and lengthy prison sentence for this defendant. The Greene County Prosecutor's Office would also like to commend the victims for their bravery in coming forward and assisting with police investigation and subsequent prosecution.

These cases were prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Emily Monroe and Stephanie Wan. The cases were investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Chelsea Taylor and Sergeant Steve Schwind were the lead investigators assigned to the case.

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