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CONVICT SENTENCED TO LIFE FOR NEW ROBBERY

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Ryan Antonio Lewis, 33, of Springfield, Missouri was sentenced today to life in prison for robbery in the first degree and 30 years in prison for armed criminal action.

Lewis was sentenced by The Honorable Thomas Mountjoy for a 2014 armed robbery of a Springfield man. At trial in March 2016, the State proved that the defendant went to a Springfield home to conduct a drug transaction. After the home owner allowed the defendant inside, the defendant assaulted the victim who was visiting the home and was unaware of the defendant's arrival. With the assistance of others, the defendant had the victim's hands and feet bound. The defendant threatened to kill the victim with a knife, struck him, and burned him with a methamphetamine pipe. The defendant robbed the victim of his car keys and fled in the victim's car.

The jury deliberated for thirty minutes before returning its guilty verdict. The defendant is a prior and persistent felony offender having served a ten year prison sentence for assault first degree, burglary first degree, tampering first degree, and arson first degree. The defendant was released from the Department of Corrections less than two months before committing these new crimes.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Nicholas Jain and Jonathan Barker. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department, and Detective Matthew Farmer was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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