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RE: 30 DAYS IN JAIL FOR MISDEMEANOR DOMESTIC ASSAULT

OZARK, MO - Christian County Prosecuting Attorney Amy J. Fite announced today that on March 29, 2011, ISSAC JOHNSTON, dob: 3/8/1984, was found guilty by Christian County Associate Circuit Judge John Waters following a bench trial wherein the defendant was charged with the Class A misdemeanor of domestic assault in the third degree in case number 09N8-CR02022.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Janette Bleau represented the State and prosecuted the defendant for assaulting the mother of his child by grabbing her and leaving bruises on her body.

In response to the guilty verdict, Christian County Prosecuting Attorney Amy Fite said, "Good job to Janette Bleau for working to have a domestic violence offender held accountable. Any time an offender is held accountable, not only is he or she being held responsible and punished for their crimes, but we are hopeful the prosecution of the offender has contributed to stopping the cycle of violence from being passed on from the offender to a child."

The Honorable Judge Waters sentenced the defendant to 30 days in the Christian County Jail this sentence was run concurrently with two six year sentences the defendant is currently serving in the Missouri Department of Corrections for the felonies of first and second degree assault. The class A misdemeanor of domestic assault carries a range of punishment of one day to one year incarceration and/or a fine up to \$1,000.