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RE: TIMOTHY KEMNER GETS LIFE SENTENCE FOR FORCIBLE

**SODOMY** 

OZARK, MO - Christian County Prosecuting Attorney, Amy J. Fite announced today that on May 20, 2011, TIMOTHY KEMNER, dob: 11-01-1975 of Ozark, Missouri was sentenced to life imprisonment by Christian County Circuit Judge Mark for the unclassified felony of forcible sodomy. Probation was denied.

On January 16, 2010, a 13-year old juvenile disclosed that TIMOTHY KEMNER had been sexually abusing her at her residence in Ozark, Missouri. During the investigation, detectives with the Ozark Police Department learned that TIMOTHY KEMNER had been engaging in sexual contact and deviate sexual intercourse with the 13-year old juvenile for at least two years. During a forensic interview of the victim, she disclosed that TIMOTHY KEMNER threatened to cut her throat if she told anybody of the relationship.

In response to the life sentence, Christian County Prosecuting Attorney, Amy J. Fite said, "I am grateful for the hard work of Detective David Southard and Officer Shara Poynor of the Ozark Police Department in investigating this tragic episode of sexual abuse. Without their dedication to investigating these types of crimes, we would not have been able to remove this dangerous predator from our community."

The unclassified felony of forcible sodomy has an authorized term of imprisonment of life imprisonment or a term of years not less than five years in the Missouri Department of Corrections.