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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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- RE: STATE V. CHAD HAWLEY 11CT-CR00562-01 11CT-CR01454-01

## CHAD HAWLEY RECIEVES MAXIMUM SENTENCE FOR SODOMY AND WEAPONS CHARGES

OZARK, MO - Christian County Prosecuting Attorney, Amy J. Fite announced today that CHAD HAWLEY, dob: 2/5/1977 of Ozark, Missouri was sentenced Friday by Christian County Circuit Judge Mark Orr to seven (7) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for the class C felony statutory sodomy in the second degree, and four (4) years for the class D felony of unlawful use of a weapon. Probation was denied and CHAD HAWLEY is subject to lifetime registration requirements.

On June 10, 2011, thirty-four (34) CHAD HAWLEY engaged in deviate sexual intercourse with a fourteen (14) year old female at her residence in Ozark, Missouri. The father of the fourteen (14) year old juvenile walked in on CHAD HAWLEY engaging in deviate sexual intercourse with his daughter in the front living room of their residence in the early morning hours. From the investigation by the Christian County Sheriff's Department, it was learned that CHAD HAWLEY had a relation with this fourteen (14) year old juvenile since early February.

On September 24, 2011, while out on a \$10,000 surety bond set that was set by Associate Circuit Judge John Waters on the above charge, CHAD HAWLEY was apprehended a short distance from the juvenile's residence. On his person he had concealed a four inch knife. The Christian County Sheriff's Department was called out to the residence, because CHAD HAWLEY had been seen by the juvenile hiding in the bushes outside her residence. CHAD HAWLEY was calling her name.

In response to the sentences, Christian County Prosecuting Attorney Amy J. Fite stated, "I appreciate the solid investigative effort in these two cases by Danny Wells, Shane Duryea and Michael Elliot of the Christian County Sheriff's Department. Without their commitment to this County, we would not have been able to hold a dangerous sex offender accountable for his actions."

The class C felony of statutory sodomy has a range of punishment is one (1) day to one (1) year in the Christian County County Jail, or up to seven (7) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections, and/or a fine not to exceed \$5,000. The class D felony of unlawful use of a weapon has a range of punishment of (1) day to one (1) year in the Christian County Jail, or up to four (4) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections, and/or a fine not to exceed \$5,000.