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**RE: RYAN F. DAUGHERTY FOUND GUILTY OF A RESISTING A LAWFUL
DETENTION AND ASSAULT OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

OZARK, MO – The Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office announced today that Ryan F. Daugherty, dob: 1/10/1983, of Nixa, Missouri was found guilty after a jury trial presided over by Judge John Waters on January 26, 2011.

Evidence presented by the State showed: On September 20, 2010, Sgt. Bybee was dispatched to a residence in Nixa, Missouri for two males fighting. When Sgt. Bybee arrived within a few minutes of being dispatched, he saw a male, Ryan Daugherty in the driveway of the residence. Sgt. Bybee exited his vehicle and approached the suspect. Daugherty then began walking away, Sgt. Bybee told Daugherty to stop, Daugherty continued to walk away, Sgt. Bybee again told Daugherty to stop, but Daugherty ran behind the home. Sgt. Bybee pursued Daugherty around the back of the house. A woman exited the residence on the side of the home Daugherty ran to, and then Daugherty exited the home in an aggressive manner and yelling at the officer. Sgt. Bybee was unable to speak with Daugherty due to Daugherty's angry and aggressive manner. For officer safety, Sgt. Bybee then grabbed Daugherty off the deck he was standing on. Both fell to the ground and as Sgt. Bybee got up, Daugherty, from a crouched position, lunged at the officer and grabbed him around his torso trying to push the officer off balance. Sgt. Bybee was unable to free himself from Daugherty's grasp until back up officer, Officer Donohue, arrived to assist.

The range of punishment for each class A misdemeanor is up to one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) and up to one (1) year in the county jail. The case is set for February 27, 2012 for arguments on post-trial motions.