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RE: JUSTIN DOVER SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

OZARK, MO – The Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office announced that Justin Dover, dob: 07-31-1975, of Clever, Missouri was sentenced on December 13, 2013 by the Honorable Judge Mark Orr to: seven (7) years in the department of correction on each of the two counts of Class C felony felonious restraint (concurrent), four (4) years on Class C felony of domestic assault in the second (consecutive to two counts of felonious restraint) and four (4) years on Class D felony of unlawful use of a weapon (consecutive to the other counts). The sentence is a total term of fifteen (15) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections with probation denied. Pursuant to the plea agreement the State requested the total term of fifteen (15) years and the defendant through his attorney requested probation.

At the time of plea below the State alleged the following facts could be proved beyond a reasonable doubt at trial:

Victim M.W. and victim S.B. were visiting Dover the evening of June 9, 2012 at his home in Christian County. M.W. and Dover had a prior relationship, had broken up, but he had called apologizing and requested a visit at his house.

M.W. and S.B. were preparing to leave late in the evening of June 9 and the into early morning of June 10, 2012, when Dover got angry and accused them of stealing electronic items from his property. While the two women were still inside the home, Dover picked up his 30.06 rifle, pointed it at them, and yelled at them. Dover searched M.W.'s pickup truck and did not find any of his items. He re-entered the home, continued to point the rifle at them and refused to let them leave and continued to yell at them.

After a period of time, Dover walked them out of the home while holding the rifle pointed at their backs, into the detached garage. M.W. and S.B. attempted to gather their purses and belongings, but Dover did not let them saying "You're not going to need them". Dover started swinging the rifle around "like a baseball bat". He struck S.B. in the back of her neck/shoulder area, and M.W. in the upper arm with the butt of the rifle. Dover then pointed the gun at M.W. telling her he should kill her. Dover then fired off a round close to the left side of M.W.'s head. Dover allowed the women to leave at approximately 5:30 a.m. on June 10, 2012. Dover had his rifle up and pointed at M.W.'s vehicle as they drove away. M.W. and S.B. sought medical care at Cox Hospital. Deputies from the Christian County Sheriff's Department took photos of the victims' injuries and the scene.