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**DATE: APRIL 13, 2015**

**RE: JULIE HORSTMAYER SENTENCED TO SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON**

OZARK, MO – The Christian County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office announced that on April 10, 2015, JULIE M. HORSTMAYER DOB: 9/9/1982 formerly of Republic, MO, was sentenced by Special Judge Michael Cordonnier to seven years in the Missouri Department of Corrections after having pled guilty on March 6, 2015, to the class C felony of endangering the welfare of a child first degree pursuant to a plea agreement. Seven years is the maximum term of imprisonment for a class C felony.

On November 5, 2011, Julie Horstmyer called 911 shortly after 8:00 a.m., after another adult in the residence where she was staying found Horstmyer's two-year-old daughter non-responsive and cold to touch in a pack and play. Emergency personnel responded to the residence in Clever, Missouri and the two-year old was pronounced dead at the scene. The pathologist found the child died as a result of sertraline (Zoloft) in her system. Horstmyer pled guilty to endangering the welfare of a child first degree by knowingly creating a grave risk to the life, body or health of the child by failing to seek medical treatment for the child after the child ingested sertraline (Zoloft).

Endangering the welfare of a child 1st degree is a class C felony. The range of punishment is 1 day to 1 year in the Christian County Jail or two years to seven years in the Missouri Department of Corrections and/or a fine up to \$5000.

This case was investigated by the Christian County Sheriff’s Department. The prosecution was handled by Prosecuting Attorney Amy Fite

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