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RE: JURY FINDS MICHELE L. MONTIEL GUILTY

OZARK, MO – The Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office announces that on April 15, 2015, Michele Montiel, D.O.B. 6-23-1977, was found guilty by a Christian County jury of the class C felony of assault in the second degree and class D felony of leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident. The jury trial commenced before the Honorable Laura Johnson on April 13, 2015 and concluded on April 15, 2015.

The jury deliberated approximately 3 ½ hours before reaching its verdicts. The defendant found guilty for offenses involving an October 21, 2011 crash that critically injured a man and his horse while riding near FF Highway and Blue Springs Road in Christian County, Missouri.

Sentencing is set before the Honorable Laura Johnson on June 16, 2015 at 1:30 P.M.

The range in punishment for a class C felony is one day up to 7 years incarceration and/or a fine not to exceed \$5,000. The range in punishment for a class D felony is one day up to four years incarceration and/or a fine not to exceed \$5,000.

The investigation of this case was handled by the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The case was prosecuted by First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Kristen M. Tuohy.