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**RE: RYAN SWEARENGIN PLEADS GUILTY AND RECEIVES 30 YEAR SENTENCE**

OZARK, MO – The Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office announces that Ryan W. Swearengin, dob: 07-13-1984 of Ozark, MO, pleaded guilty pursuant to a plea agreement on April 27, 2015, and was sentenced on June 22, 2015, to two counts of rape in the first degree, three counts of sodomy in the first degree, two counts of victim tampering, and two counts of harassment in front of the Honorable Judge Eighmy. Per the terms of the plea agreement, Swearengin received a total sentence of 30 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. The charges stem from a September 2014 event involving two juvenile victims.

Judge Eighmy sentenced the defendant to 25 years for each count of rape in the first degree, and 25 years for each count of sodomy in the first degree. Those counts are to run concurrently to one another. Additionally, Judge Eighmy sentenced the defendant to five years for each count of victim tampering and five years for each count of harassment. Those counts are to run concurrently with one another but consecutive to the rape and sodomy charges for a total of 30 years confinement in the Missouri Department of Corrections. Swearengin was also found to be a prior and persistent felony offender by the court due to his prior convictions for the felonies of tampering with a motor vehicle and unlawful use of a weapon.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Agi Prevendarcsik and was investigated by the Christian County Sheriff's Department in conjunction with the Ozark Police Department.