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RE: JOSHUA CUMMINGS SENTENCES EXECUTED

OZARK, MO – The Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office announces that on November 24, 2015, Joshua Alton Cummings, DOB: 01/31/1982, was sentenced to 12 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections by the Honorable Laura Johnson after the Court determined that Cummings violated the terms of his probation.

Cummings had previously pled guilty on December 12, 2013, to three cases. Cummings pled guilty to two counts of possession of controlled substances as a prior and persistent drug offender; one count of tampering in the first degree and one count of resisting arrest as a prior and persistent felony offender; and one count of felony stealing. Cummings was ordered to complete long-term substance abuse treatment in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

After successful completion of the treatment program, Cummings was released on probation. While on probation, Cummings committed several violations of his probation. A contested hearing was held on November 24, 2015, and the Court executed Cummings sentences.

Cummings was sentenced to 12 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections on the two counts of possession of controlled substances and tampering in the first-degree. He was sentenced to 7 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections on the counts of resisting arrest and stealing.

The cases were prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Anna Bunch. The cases were investigated by Christian County Sheriff's Department, Ozark Police Department, and Nixa Police Department.