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RE: JASON STEPP PLEADS GUILTY & ADMITS VIOLATING HIS PROBATION

OZARK, MO – The Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office announces that on January 15, 2016, Jason Stepp, dob: 03/02/1984, pleaded guilty to a pending case and admitted to violating his probation on two prior cases in front of the Honorable Judge Laura Johnson.

Stepp pleaded guilty to first-degree burglary and possession of controlled substance for events that occurred on May 20-21, 2015. Stepp had broken into a residence on Citydel Road in Nixa, and was later found to be in the possession of methamphetamine. He pleaded guilty as a prior and persistent felony offender, as well as a prior and persistent drug offender. Pursuant to a plea agreement, Stepp received sentences of 10 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections on each count, said sentences to run concurrently.

Stepp also admitted to violating the terms of his probation on two prior cases, and his previous sentences of 7 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections were executed. On his prior cases, Stepp had pleaded guilty to distribution of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.

The cases were handled by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Anna Bunch. The cases were investigated by multiple law enforcement agencies, including the Christian County Sheriff's Department, Combined Ozarks Multi-Jurisdictional Enforcement Team Task Force (COMET), and Nixa Police Department.