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RE: JAMES DYLAN MCGINNIS PLEADS GUILTY & ADMITS VIOLATING HIS
PROBATION

OZARK, MO – The Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office announces that on April 29, 2016, James Dylan McGinnis, dob: 4/14/1991, pleaded guilty to a pending case and admitted to violating his probation on his prior case in front of the Honorable Judge Laura Johnson.

McGinnis pleaded guilty to failure to appear for events that occurred between March 12-18, 2016. After requesting he be furloughed to attend the funeral of a family member, McGinnis was granted a furlough by the Christian County Circuit Court. The terms of the court ordered furlough directed McGinnis be released at 8 a.m. on March 12, 2016, and to return to the Christian County Jail on March 12, 2016, at 8 p.m. The Court also set his pending felony probation revocation on March 18, 2016.

McGinnis did not report back at the jail as ordered, and on March 18, 2016, McGinnis did not appear in court on his felony probation revocation case before the Christian County Circuit Court. In the early morning hours of March 19, 2016, Christian County detectives, with the assistance of Stone County deputies, located McGinnis. McGinnis asked why he was being arrested. After being told it was because he failed to appear, McGinnis stated, "You can't blame me for that, I have a lot hanging over me."

He pleaded guilty as a prior felony offender. Pursuant to a plea agreement, McGinnis received a sentence of four (4) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections, said sentence to run consecutively with his probation revocation case. The range of punishment for a class D felony is one day up to four (4) years incarceration and/or fine not to exceed \$5000.

McGinnis also admitted to violating the terms of his probation on his prior case, and sentences of seven (7) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections were imposed on each count, those counts to run concurrent to each other. On this prior case, McGinnis had pleaded guilty to two class C felonies of second-degree burglary and theft/stealing of a firearm. The range of punishment for a class C felony is one day up to seven (7) years incarceration and/or a fine not to exceed \$5000.

The total sentence that McGinnis will serve in the Missouri Department of Corrections is eleven (11) years.

The cases were handled by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Anna Bunch. The new case was investigated by the Christian County Sheriff's Department. The prior case was investigated by the Sparta Police Department.