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## **RE: ROY TARVIN SENTENCED**

OZARK, MO – The Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office announces that on April 28, 2017, Roy Tarvin DOB: 12/17/1976 of Butler, MO, was sentenced by the Honorable Judge Jennifer Growcock.

Tarvin previously had pled guilty on February 24, 2017, to two counts, count I - endangering the welfare of a child (sexual conduct) and count II - sexual contact with a student. This occurred in Christian County, Missouri between October 31, 2014 and November 20, 2014.

The defendant pled pursuant to a plea agreement. Per the terms of the plea agreement the defendant received a seven (7) year sentence in the Missouri Department of Corrections on count I and a four (4) year sentence in the Missouri Department of Corrections on count II. Count I and Count II to run concurrent to one another.

At sentencing, the State requested the Court sentence the defendant to the Missouri Department of Corrections. Defendant through counsel requested the Court place Defendant on probation.

The Court sentenced Tarvin to seven (7) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections pursuant to §559.115, Sex Offender Assessment Unit on Count I. The Court sentenced Tarvin to four (4) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections pursuant to §559.115, Sex Offender Assessment Unit on Count II. Count I and II to run concurrent.

The Sex Offender Assessment Unit is an intensive assessment program for sex offenders that provides a complete psychological assessment to determine an offender's extent of psychopathology, risk to reoffend and amenability to treatment. It also offers basic relapse prevention education. The Sex Offender Assessment Unit is normally 120 days in the Mo. Department of Corrections. After the assessment is completed, the Court will be given a recommendation, and the Court will then determine whether probation should be granted.

Endangering the Welfare of a Child (sexual conduct) is a class C felony. The range of punishment for a class C felony is a term of incarceration not to exceed seven (7) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections and/or a fine not to exceed \$5000. Sexual Contact with a Student is a class D felony. The range of punishment for a class D felony is a term of

incarceration not to exceed four (4) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections and/or a fine not to exceed \$5000.

This case was investigated by the Christian County Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Prosecuting Attorney Amy Fite.