



**CHRISTIAN COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

**AMY J. FITE, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**  
Phone: (417) 581-7915 | Fax: (417) 581-7918  
[www.christiancountyprosecutor.net](http://www.christiancountyprosecutor.net)

Press Release 7-6-17

**GOODWIN RECEIVES 14 YEARS for her involvement in daycare thefts**

On July 6, 2017, Jessica Goodwin, age 30, was sentenced for five separate felony cases by the Honorable Laura Johnson, Presiding Circuit Judge for Christian County. She was convicted on five class C felonies for identity theft, four class C felonies for forgery, one Class C felony for property damage in the first degree, one class C felony for receiving stolen property, and one class C felony for possession of controlled substance. She received the maximum sentence of seven (7) years sentence on each count in the Department of Corrections with some sentences run consecutively and other concurrently for a total sentence of fourteen (14) years in the Department of Corrections. The Court entered restitution judgments to the victims. The defendant was sentenced to the long-term substance abuse program under Section 217.362 RSMo. There were five separate victims of the defendant.

Goodwin was involved with other co-defendants in crimes from November 18, 2016 through December 14, 2016. The defendants broke into motor vehicles at daycares in Ozark and Nixa. This occurred as parents were dropping off or picking up their children. The defendants stole purses and wallets. The defendants then immediately attempted to use credit cards from the purses and wallets at various retail stores with the victims' identity. The defendants broke into both locked and unlocked vehicles.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant Christian County Prosecuting Attorney John L. Young. These crimes were investigated by the Christian County Sherriff Office, the Ozark Police Department, and the Nixa Police Department.

Submitted by

John L. Young  
Senior Assistant Prosecuting Attorney