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DATE: MAY 24, 2019

RE: NICHOLAS SANNA DOB 11/30/1997 FOUND GUILTY OF FELONY

KIDNAPPING, TWO COUNTS OF DOMESTIC ASSAULT IN THE 4TH

DEGREE, AND PROPERTY DAMAGE IN THE 2ND DEGREE

OZARK, MO – The Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office announces that on May 15, 2019 defendant was found guilty of the above noted charges by Judge Laura Johnson after a bench trial that was held on May 13, 2019. At the trial, victim A.G. testified that she was on her lunch break from a Nixa nursing home and was parked in the Walmart parking lot in Nixa when the defendant, her estranged boyfriend, found her there, yelled at her and pounded on the car window she was in and it broke the window. He reached through the broken window, took the car keys out of the ignition and threw them out into the parking lot. A.G. exited the vehicle and tried to run away but defendant grabbed her and threw her into the vehicle he arrived in and took off with her. A.G. testified that she was very afraid and tried to exit the car even though it was in motion but defendant would grab her and prevent her from leaving. An employee of Walmart (witness) testified that she saw the defendant chasing the victim and heard the victim yelling for help. Witness tried to reach the victim to help but before she could get to victim she saw the defendant grab the victim and throw victim into a vehicle and drive off. The incident was also caught on the Walmart video camera. Defendant also changed the password to victim's phone so she could not use it. During the drive he told A.G. multiple things including he was going to "put her 6 feet under." He drove her to a location in Rogersville and he got out of the car and let her drive away. K.K., co-worker of A.G. (and owner of the vehicle that the window was broken out) testified that when A.G. arrived back to work A.G. was hysterical. Officer Logan Cash and Officer Barton also testified. Sentencing is set for is set for July 17, 2019 at 2:30 pm.

Punishment for kidnapping in the 1st degree class B felony is five to fifteen years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. An individual convicted and sentenced for this offense shall not be eligible for parole until eighty-five percent of the sentence is served.

Punishment for domestic assault in the 4^{th} degree is one day to one year in the Christian County Jail and/or a fine of up to \$2000.

Punishment for property damage in the 2^{nd} degree is one day to six months in the Christian County Jail and/or a fine of up to \$2000.

This case was investigated by the Nixa Police Department. The prosecution was handled by $1^{\rm st}$ Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Janette Bleau.