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RE: DEFENDANTS REVOKED FOR VIOLATING THEIR PROBATION

OZARK, MO – The Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office announces that defendants, Linda Bowers and Charles Lowery, had their probation revoked in front of the Honorable Judge Laura Johnson.

Linda Bowers had previously pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance in February 2017 and was given a Suspended Imposition of Sentence. She was placed on probation and ordered to comply with several conditions of probation. Bowers admitted to violating her probation back in December 2018 and was given multiple chances to do better on probation. On May 16, 2019, after hearing arguments from both sides, the Court revoked Bowers probation, and she was sentenced to seven (7) years Mo Dept of Corrections under 559.115 (Institutional Treatment Program-ITC).

Charles Lowery had previously pled guilty to possession of controlled substance in July 2016. He was placed on probation and was shortly thereafter declared an absconder. Lowery was revoked and sent to do a 120 ITC. After release from the 120 ITC, he was placed back on probation. Lowery again back violating his probation. He was discharged three times from substance abuse treatment, had positive drug tests, and then stopped reporting. On May 23, 2019, after a hearing, the Court revoked his probation and executed his seven (7) year sentence.

Possession of controlled substance was a class C felony at the time both cases were committed. The range of punishment for a class C felony at that time was one day up to seven (7) years incarceration and/or a fine not to exceed \$5000.

The cases were handled by Senior Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Anna Bunch.