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**RE: CHRISTIAN COUNTY JURY FINDS BARRY GEORGE GUILTY OF
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED AND TRESPASS IN THE FIRST
DEGREE**

OZARK, MO – The Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office announces that BARRY GEORGE DOB:5/25/1964, of Sparta, Missouri was found guilty after a two-day jury trial held April 29-30, 2019. The jury trial was commenced before the Honorable Judge Laura Johnson.

The Christian County jury found the defendant guilty of both counts, driving while intoxicated and trespass in the first degree. The jury deliberated for approximately an hour and forty-five minutes before finding the defendant guilty. Formal sentencing is scheduled before the Honorable Judge Laura Johnson on June 25, 2019.

The defendant had two prior convictions for driving while intoxicated. These prior convictions for DWI make the defendant's current conviction a persistent DWI offense. Driving While Intoxicated as a persistent offender is a class E felony. The range of punishment for an E felony is either a special term of incarceration in the Christian County Jail not to exceed one year or a term of incarceration in the Mo Dept of Corrections not to exceed four years and/or a fine not to exceed \$10,000 dollars. The range of punishment for trespass in the first degree of a class B misdemeanor is a term of incarceration in the Mo. Dept. of Corrections not to exceed six months and/or a fine not to exceed \$1,000.

The investigation of this case was handled by Christian County Sheriff's Department Deputies Lachlan Hicks and John Wilkerson. The case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney John Peacock assisted by First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Janette Bleau.