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Predatory Sex Offender Pleads Guilty

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Anthony J. Vandorn, 37, of Rogersville, MO, entered a guilty plea to one count of Statutory Sodomy in the First Degree on Tuesday, April 17, 2012. The charge arose from the defendant engaging in deviate sexual intercourse with a child who was six at the time of the offense. The defendant pled guilty as a predatory sex offender in that he was previously convicted of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree in Christian County in 1994. The victim in that case was twelve at the time of the offense.

As a predatory sex offender the defendant is only eligible to receive a sentence of life imprisonment in the Missouri Department of Corrections. The court will set the minimum term of years to be served before the defendant is eligible for parole, however the court must set the term of years at fifteen years or more.

A sentencing hearing is set for July 20, 2012 at 3:00 P.M. before the Honorable Judge Thomas Mountjoy to determine the defendant's parole eligibility date.

This case was set for a trial before Judge Mountjoy on April 17, and after a Motion to Suppress evidence was denied on April 17, the defendant entered a guilty plea for life imprisonment.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Ami Miller. It was investigated by the Greene County Sheriff's Office and Detective Jamin Sackman was the lead investigator assigned to the case.