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Judge Sentences Man to Ten Years Following Jury Verdict

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI (July 16, 2014) – Circuit Judge Jon Beetem sentenced Timothy Jacobs to 5 (five) years today. This sentence was the result of a jury trial held June 23, 2014. The jury deliberated for approximately an hour and a half before finding Jacobs, 47, guilty of committing violence against an employee of the Department of Corrections, following the one-day trial before Judge Beetem in Cole County Circuit Court.

Timothy Jacobs was in Jefferson City Correctional Facility February 6, 2011 serving fifteen and ten year consecutive sentences for kidnapping offenses that occurred in the mid 90s in the Kansas City area. While being escorted from the shower to his cell in the in the morning of February 6, 2011 by corrections officer Michelle Baumann, Jacobs stopped and refused to cooperate with the officer. When she attempted to take him to the ground in order to secure him until help could arrive, Jacobs twisted his shoulder into her and forced her to the ground, injuring her in the process. The altercation was captured on video that was played for the jury a number of times during the trial. Retired Investigator Ben Wilson told the jury at trial that the investigation in this incident was initiated by Jacobs who was complaining that he had been the victim of excessive force by a prison guard. Wilson told the jury that he interviewed witnesses and reviewed the video and that his investigation turned from an excessive force complaint into a committing violence against a DOC employee investigation.

Jacobs could have been sentenced to an additional fifteen years in the Department of Corrections for his actions. The Cole County Prosecuting Attorney's office argued at sentencing that a ten year sentence consecutive to Jacobs' current sentences was appropriate in light of his criminal history and fact that this offense occurred while serving other sentences.