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**CHRISTIAN COUNTY RESIDENT CURTIS GOODWIN FOUND GUILTY OF
TAMPERING IN THE FIRST DEGREE**

FORSYTH, MO - Taney County Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffrey M. Merrell announced today that CURTIS GOODWIN, dob: 8/25/81, of Sparta, Missouri was found guilty Wednesday of tampering in the first degree as a prior and persistent felony offender. Andrea Carnes of Sparta, Missouri reported her Dodge Ram pickup stolen on January 9th, 2005. On January 13th, 2005, law enforcement officials with the Taney County Sheriff's Department made contact with CURTIS GOODWIN and recovered the stolen vehicle from a trailer he was staying at in Cedar Creek, Missouri. CURTIS GOODWIN was developed as a suspect during an investigation into a related vehicle theft.

Taney County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Rachel Beeton was pleased with the result stating, "after two years, the defendant has finally been held accountable for his actions. This was a sad situation where the victim had used her life savings to buy a new truck that was stolen only a short time later and damaged."

Tampering in the first degree is a class C felony which carries a range of punishment of one (1) day to one (1) year in the Taney County Jail, one (1) year to seven (7) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections and/or a fine not to exceed five-thousand (5,000) dollars. As a prior and persistent felony offender, CURTIS GOODWIN faces the B felony range of punishment of five (5) years to fifteen (15) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

Sentencing in this case is set for September 13, 2007 at 10:30am.

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