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17 Year Old Charged with Kidnapping & Burglary

St. Charles County, Missouri- The Office of Prosecuting Attorney Tim Lohmar announces that on March 12, 2015, John Classen , 17, of O'Fallon has been charged with Child Kidnapping, Burglary 1st and two counts of Abuse or Neglect of a Child.

These charges arose when Classen knowingly and unlawfully entered the 10 year old victim's home by gaining access through a basement window he had tampered on an earlier date. Classen located the victim then forcibly grabbed her while she was sleeping. While trying to force the victim out of the home she sustained injury and the noise awoke the family. Classen placed the victim in a car and the family notified the police who apprehended the defendant in the neighborhood within 30 minutes. Classen is known to the family.

Classen is currently in custody and the Honorable Nancy Schneider has set bond at 1.5 million dollars.

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