MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT
OPINION SUMMARY

IN THE MATTER OF THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF MICHAEL SOHN,	)	No. ED102172
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	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
Appellant.	)	of Jefferson County
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	)	Hon. Mark T. Stoll
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	)	FILED: October 27, 2015

Appellant Michael Sohn ("Sohn") appeals from the judgment of the probate court, following a jury trial, committing Sohn to the Missouri Department of Mental Health as a sexually violent predator ("SVP"). Sohn, who is deaf, unsuccessfully sought to exclude from evidence at trial expert witness testimony from Dr. Griffith about her interview with Sohn and Sohn's Missouri Sex Offender Program ("MOSOP") records. On appeal, Sohn challenges the probate court's rulings on the grounds that the statements at issue in the interview and the MOSOP records were not sufficiently reliable to allow Dr. Griffith to offer expert opinion testimony as to whether Sohn was an SVP.

AFFIRMED.

DIVISION FOUR HOLDS: Dr. Griffith's testimony at trial sufficiently established that her interview with Sohn and Sohn's MOSOP records represent the type of evidence reasonably relied on by experts in Dr. Griffith's field and are "otherwise reasonably reliable." Accordingly, the probate court did not abuse its discretion in denying Sohn's motions to exclude such evidence.

Opinion by: Kurt S. Odenwald, Judge Sherri B. Sullivan, P.J., and Patricia L. Cohen, J., concur.

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