

St. Louis' forgotten espionage case

By SCOTT LAMBERT / Former CIA agent Jeffrey Sterling, a Missourian who graduated from Millikin University and Washington University Law School, recently was sentenced to 42 months for violating multiple counts of the Espionage Act. Sterling was convicted as New York Times reporter James Risen's source in a chapter of the book *State Of War*, which described a botched CIA attempt to hinder Iran's nuclear program. For the press, the story was strictly about Risen's battle with the government and First Amendment issues. The media never questioned Sterling's guilt or innocence. As a group, the press stayed on the Risen as hero narrative, leaving Sterling alone.