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**GERALD L. CHAMBERLAIN CHARGED WITH INVOLUNTARY  
MANSLAUGHTER AND ASSAULT**

FORSYTH, MO - Taney County Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffrey M. Merrell announced today that GERALD L. CHAMBERLAIN, DOB: 7/3/1949 of Blue Eye, Missouri has been charged with one count of the class C felony of involuntary manslaughter and two counts of the class C felony of assault in the second degree. These charges arise from a April 23, 2007 incident on Missouri 86, where it is alleged GERALD L. CHAMBERLAIN crossed the road into oncoming traffic causing an accident. MARY K. FLANIGAN, DOB: 10/8/53 of Hollister, Missouri, a passenger in the car of GERALD L. CHAMBERLAIN, was killed in the accident, and the two occupants of the other vehicle were injured. When they responded to the scene of the accident, law enforcement officials from the Missouri State Highway Patrol stated they observed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from GERALD L. CHAMBERLAIN, and discovered broken beer bottles inside his vehicle. Taney County Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffrey M. Merrell has requested a \$40,000 bond in connection with the filing of these charges.

A class C felony carries with it a range of punishment of one (1) day to (1) year in the County Jail, or (1) one year to (7) seven years in the Missouri Department of Corrections, and/or a fine not to exceed (5,000) five-thousand dollars.

Please be advised that the charges filed against the defendants are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

More information and a copy of the felony complaint can be obtained at [www.taneycountyprosecutor.com](http://www.taneycountyprosecutor.com).