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CHRISTOPHER P. MACE PLEADS GUILTY TO PACKAGE DEAL

FORSYTH, MO - Taney County Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffrey M. Merrell announced today that CHRISTOPHER MACE, dob: 12/22/1985, of Branson, Missouri entered a guilty plea in five (5) separate felony cases on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, in front of Taney County Circuit Judge Mark Orr. Mace plead guilty to three (3) class B felonies of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute and received a sentence of eleven (11) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections on each count. Mace also plead guilty to the class C felony of assault in the second degree and the felony of armed criminal action and received seven (7) years on the assault charge and three (3) years on the armed criminal action charge. Additionally, Mace plead guilty to the class C felony of domestic assault in the second degree and received a sentence of seven (7) years. Mace wrapped up the day by pleading guilty to the class D felony of unlawful use of a weapon and received a sentence of four (4) years. Probation was denied in all cases and sentences will run concurrently to each other.

The range of punishment for a class B felony is five (5) to fifteen (15) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. The range of punishment for a class C felony is one (1) day to one (1) year in the Taney County Jail, or 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. The range of punishment for a class D felony one (1) day to one (1) year in the Taney County Jail, one (1) year to four (4) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections, and/or a fine not to exceed five thousand (\$5,000) dollars.

Taney County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey M. Merrell stated: "I am pleased with the results and I am glad that this dangerous and violent drug dealer is off the streets of Taney County."

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