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MICHAEL NEVATT PLEADS GUILTY TO TANGER MALL SHOOTING

FORSYTH, MO - MICHAEL NEVATT, dob: 07/17/1989 of Branson, Missouri plead guilty without a plea agreement Thursday in front of Taney County Circuit Judge Mark Orr to the class B felony of assault in the 1st degree, the unclassified felony of armed criminal action, and the class B felony of unlawful use of a weapon. On April 5th, 2006 during an altercation at the Tanger Mall in Branson, MICHAEL NEVATT fired a 9mm handgun from a moving vehicle into a crowd of individuals standing by their truck outside of the Polo Store. Detectives from the Branson Police Department later recovered the handgun from a ditch near the Branson Landing and through their investigation developed MICHAEL NEVATT as the primary suspect in the shooting.

In response to the plea of guilty, Taney County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Christopher W. Lebeck stated, "[w]e are grateful for the outstanding work of the detectives of the Branson Police Department in developing the case against Mr. Nevatt. We are lucky that nobody was injured from this horrific act of violence at a popular Branson shopping center."

Formal sentencing for these charges is set for July 17, 2007. The class B felony of assault in the 1st degree carries a range of punishment of five (5) to fifteen (15) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. The unclassified felony of armed criminal action has a range of punishment of not less than three (3) years imprisonment. The punishment for the class B felony of unlawful use of a weapon is fixed at the maximum range of punishment for a class B felony, or fifteen (15) years. Since MICHAEL NEVATT plead guilty without an agreement he faces the full range of punishment for each offense.

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