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ROBERT MINICK FOUND GUILTY FOR ASSAULTING DEPUTY

FORSYTH, MO - Taney County Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffrey M. Merrell announced today that ROBERT DEAN MINICK, dob: 08/06/1967 of Forsyth, Missouri was found guilty on four felony charges Tuesday after a two day jury trial in front of the Honorable Mark Orr. After twenty-five minutes of deliberations, ROBERT DEAN MINICK was found guilty by a four (4) women, eight (8) man jury to the class C felony of assault of a law enforcement officer in the second degree, the unclassified felony of armed criminal action, the class D felony of resisting a lawful stop, and the class D felony of unlawful use of a weapon.

On November 25, 2006, the Taney County Sheriff's Department responded to 155 Sundown Lane in Forsyth to an individual making threats with a gun. While in route to the location, a deputy with the Taney County Sheriff's Department learned that the suspect left in a silver and black van. The Deputy attempted a traffic stop on the suspect vehicle and after a high-speed chase through blind corners the vehicle was eventually stopped. As the suspect exited the vehicle he pointed and aimed a shotgun at the Deputy. The suspect, who was later identified as ROBERT DEAN MINICK, then barricaded himself in his house. After a lengthy stand-off with the Taney County S.R.T. team ROBERT DEAN MINICK was eventually taken into custody. During the course of investigation it was learned that ROBERT DEAN MINICK threatened two adults and their three-year-old son at 155 Sundown Lane with a shotgun prior to his apprehension.

In response to the guilty verdict on all counts, Taney County Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffrey Merrell was satisfied, stating, "I am thankful that nobody was killed or injured in connection with Mr. Minick's actions, and I am grateful for the professionalism of the Taney County Sheriff's Department in how they handled a potentially deadly situation."

Formal sentencing in the case is set for June 19, 2008. The class C felony of assault of a law enforcement officer in the second degree carries a range of punishment of 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 \$5,000. The unclassified felony of armed criminal action has a range of punishment of not less than three (3) years imprisonment. The class D felony of resisting a lawful stop has a range of punishment of one (1) day to one (1) year in the Taney County Jail, or one (1) year to four (4) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections and/or a fine not to exceed \$5,000. The class D felony of unlawful use of a weapon has a range of punishment of one (1) day to one (1) year in the Taney County Jail, or one (1) year to four (4) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections and/or a fine not to exceed \$5,000.

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