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MICHAEL NEVATT SENTENCED FOR TANGER MALL SHOOTING

FORSYTH, MO - MICHAEL NEVATT, dob: 07/17/1989 of Branson, Missouri was sentenced last Friday in front of Taney County Circuit Judge Mark Orr to seven (7) years for the class B felony of assault in the 1st degree, three (3) years for the unclassified felony of armed criminal action, and fifteen (15) years for the class B felony of unlawful use of a weapon. Probation was denied on the assault and armed criminal action. Probation was granted on the unlawful use of a weapon and suspended until his release from the Department of Corrections.

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 this sentence, Taney County Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffrey M. Merrell stated, "We are satisfied with the sentence handed down by Judge Orr as it appeared that the judge was striking a balance between the defendant's young age and the seriousness of this senseless act of violence. I appreciate the hard work of the Branson Police Department and their detectives in bringing Mr. Nevatt to justice and I am grateful that no one was injured by Mr. Nevatt's conduct."

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