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ROBERT MINICK SENTENCED 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 sentenced today by the Taney County Circuit Judge Mark Orr to seven (7) years for the class C felony of assault of a law enforcement officer in the second degree, twelve (12) years for the unclassified felony of armed criminal action, four (4) years for the class D felony of resisting a lawful stop, and four (4) years for the class D felony of unlawful use of a weapon. All sentences are to run concurrent and probation was denied. On May 21, 2008, ROBERT DEAN MINICK was found guilty after a two (2) day trial by a four (4) woman, eight (8) man jury.

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 sentence, Taney County Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffrey Merrell was satisfied, stating, "[w]ithout the professionalism of the Taney County Sheriff's Department and their Special Response Team in diffusing a potentially dangerous situation, we would not have been able to remove yet another violent individual from the community. The Court's sentence is appropriate for the crimes the defendant was found guilty of."

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