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TERRY HUEY SENTENCED FOR 2007 MURDER

FORSYTH, MO - Taney County Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffrey M. Merrell announced today that TERRY LYNN HUEY dob: 12-26-1954 of Harrison, Arkansas was sentenced last Thursday to twenty (20) years for murder in the second degree, ten (10) years for armed criminal action, and four (4) for unlawful use of a weapon by Taney County Circuit Judge Mark Orr. Probation was denied and all sentences are to run concurrent. TERRY HUEY was found guilty last August by a six (6) man, six (6) woman jury after a three-day jury trial

On July 19, 2007 officers from the Branson Police Department responded to the Crescent Court Motel on North Business 65 in response to 911-call that a man had entered the main office covered in blood. The man bled to death at the scene from a stab wound to the left shoulder. A Walgreens bag left at the scene led detectives to the Branson Walgreens where they were able to develop a suspect from surveillance video. That individual, TERRY LYNN HUEY was later arrested in Boone County, Arkansas. Detectives recovered a large hunting knife from TERRY LYNN HUEY'S property at the Cow Creek Campground in Stone County where he was living. That knife tested positive for the presence of human blood and had DNA that was consistent with the victim. Items recovered from the crime scene were also tested by the Missouri State Highway Patrol crime lab and had DNA that was consistent with TERRY LYNN HUEY on them.

In response to the sentence, Taney County Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffrey Merrell stated: "I am satisfied with the result. Although I argued for a thirty (30) year sentence for murder, twenty (20) years is still a lengthy sentence. And, frankly, there is no sentence that can undo this needless loss of life."

Murder in the second degree has a range of punishment of ten (10) to thirty (30) years in the Department of Corrections, or life imprisonment. 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 unlawful use of a weapon has a range of punishment of one (1) day to one (1) year in the county jail, or one (1) year to four (4) years in the Department of Corrections and/or a fine not to exceed five thousand (5,000) dollars.

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