



TANEY COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

JEFFREY M. MERRELL, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

P.O. Box 849

FORSYTH, MO 65653

www.taneycountyprosecutor.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**CONTACT: JEFF MERRELL
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
(417) 546-7260**

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2009

**GEORGE BARTLEY PLEADS GUILTY TO
ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD IN THE FIRST DEGREE AND
DOMESTIC ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE**

FORSYTH, MO – Taney County Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffrey M. Merrell announced today that GEORGE SOLOMON BARTLEY, dob: 09/13/1972, of Forsyth, Missouri pled guilty on February 25, 2009 in front of Taney County Circuit Judge Mark Orr to the class C felony of domestic assault in the second degree and the class C felony of endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree. Formal sentencing in the matter is set for April 9, 2009 at 10:00 am.

On August 14, 2006, Taney County deputies responded to 5585 Hwy H regarding a physical domestic in progress. The deputies made contact with the suspect, GEORGE BARTLEY, who yelled obscenities at the deputies upon arrival. Deputies were told by witnesses that the suspect had been drinking alcohol and started beating his girlfriend. Witnesses stated that the fight moved to a bedroom where the suspect then hit and choked a child under the age of 17.

On November 1, 2007, Taney County deputies responded to 5585 Hwy H regarding a domestic assault. Upon arrival, a woman was contacted coming out of the residence. She was identified to be the girlfriend of the suspect, GEORGE BARTLEY. Her mouth was covered in blood and she had several red marks on her face and neck. The woman stated that a physical confrontation had occurred and she was struck in the face and neck area by the suspect. She also stated that during the fight the suspect caused her to be burned on her right shoulder blade.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Tiffany Yarnell was pleased with the result stating, “Domestic violence is something to be taken seriously and abusers need to know that their actions will not be tolerated. Every person has a right to be protected from such senseless acts of violence.”

The class C felony of endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree has a range of punishment of up to one (1) year in the Taney County Jail, up to seven (7) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections, and/or a fine of up to \$5,000. The class C felony of domestic assault in the second degree has a range of punishment of up to one (1) year in the Taney County Jail, up to seven (7) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections, and/or a fine of up to \$5,000.

For more information please visit www.taneycountyprosecutor.com.

MAIN OFFICE: (417) 546-7260 | FAX: (417) 546-2376

BAD CHECKS: (417) 546-7261 | FAX: (417) 546-3184

VICTIM/WITNESS: (417) 546-7263 | CHILD SUPPORT: (417) 546-7264