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PRIOR AND PERSISTENT FELON FOUND GUILTY OF FORGERY

FORSYTH, MO - Taney County Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffrey M. Merrell announced today that CYLDE A. MARTIN, dob: 11/08/1963 of Kirbyville, Missouri was found guilty of forgery by a ten (10) women, two (2) men Taney County Jury on Monday.

On August 9, 2007, deputies with the Taney County Sheriff's Department made contact with the defendant on K-Dock in Kirbyville, Missouri. When asked for his identity, CLYDE MARTIN gave deputies the wrong name, date of birth, and social security number. During the contact, the deputies discovered a marijuana pipe in plain view in CLYDE MARTIN'S vehicle. CLYDE MARTIN was arrested and given a citation for unlawful use of drug paraphernalia under the false name. CLYDE MARTIN signed the false name to the ticket. Later at the jail, the same deputies discovered that CLYDE MARTIN had used and signed a false name to the ticket.

In response to the verdict, Jeffrey M. Merrell stated "I want to thank the jury for their service in this case on Monday. This week is jury appreciation week in the State of Missouri, and I am grateful for the service of the hundreds of Taney County residents that participate in jury service each year. Without their willingness to be involved the criminal justice system simply would not work."

Formal sentencing is set for June 18, 2009 at 10:30am. The class C felony of forgery has a range of punishment of one (1) day to one (1) year in the Taney County Jail, one (1) year to seven (7) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections, and/or a fine not to exceed \$5,000. As a prior and persistent felony offender, CLYDE MARTIN faces an enhanced range of punishment of up to fifteen (15) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

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