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**RICKY BARNES RECEIVES SEVENTEEN YEAR SENTENCE**

FORSYTH, MO – Taney County Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffrey M. Merrell announced today that RICKY RAY BARNES, dob: 12/31/1975 of Kimberling City, Missouri was sentenced last Thursday to seventeen years (17) in the Missouri Department of Corrections by Taney County Circuit Judge Mark Orr for the class A felony of Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, ten (10) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for the class B felony of burglary in the first degree, and three (3) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for the class D felony of resisting arrest. Probation was denied and all sentences are to run concurrent.

On Saturday, May 3, 2008 at a residence in Hollister, Missouri RICKY RAY BARNES and another individual forced their way into a residence and assaulted a man in his bedroom by punching and stabbing him. During the assault the victim suffered multiple cuts and lacerations on his hands and chest as well as a stab wound to his right lower thoracic cavity and punctured right lung. RICKY RAY BARNES was identified during a photo lineup as one of the two people involved in the assault.

In an earlier incident on January 24, 2008, officers were attempting to apprehend RICKY RAY BARNES in connection with an incident in Stone County. During a traffic stop at US Highway 65 and MO 86, RICKY RAY BARNES fled his vehicle and led officers on a foot pursuit. Deputies with the Taney County Sherriff's Department later apprehended RICKY RAY BARNES.

In response to the sentence, Taney County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey M. Merrell stated, "Hopefully the Taney County community feels safer knowing that Ricky Ray Barnes will be behind bars for quite a long time."

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