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**CAMP DIRECTOR SENTENCED TO TWO CONSECUTIVE LIFE
SENTENCES PLUS THIRTY YEARS**

FORSYTH, MO - Taney County Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffrey M. Merrell announced today that PETER NEWMAN, dob: 10-30-1975, was sentenced today by Taney County Circuit Judge Mark Orr to life imprisonment on each of two counts of the unclassified felony statutory sodomy in the first degree, seven years on each of three counts of the class C felony of statutory sodomy in the second degree, and thirty years on each of three counts of the unclassified felony of enticement of a child. Probation was denied on all counts. The thirty year sentence and seven year sentences are to run concurrent to each other and consecutive to each life sentence. On February 18, 2010 PETER NEWMAN entered a plea of guilty without a plea agreement to the eight counts listed above.

In response to the sentence, Taney County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey M. Merrell stated that "this sentence and quick result wouldn't have been possible without the hard work and professionalism of the Taney County Sheriff's Department and Missouri Children's Division specifically Sheriff Jimmie Russell, Investigator Ronnie Roberts, and Investigator Lorrie Cobb. I appreciate all they have done for the Kanakuk Community and the families affected by Peter Newman's actions."

Each count of the unclassified felony of enticement of a child has a range of punishment of not less than five (5) years and not more than thirty (30) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. No person convicted for enticement of a child shall be eligible for parole or probation for a period of five (5) calendar years. Each count of the unclassified felony of statutory sodomy in the first degree carries a range of punishment of five (5) to thirty (30) years, or life imprisonment in the Missouri Department of Corrections. Each count of the class C felony of statutory sodomy in the second degree has a range of punishment of one (1) day to one (1) year in the Taney County Jail, or one (1) year to seven (7) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections and/or a fine not to exceed five thousand (5,000) dollars.

With this plea of guilty PETER NEWMAN will be required to register as a sex offender.

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