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TRUMBO PLEADS GUILTY TO RECKLESSLY INFECTING ANOTHER WITH H.I.V.

FORSYTH, MO – Taney County Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffrey M. Merrell, announced today that JEFFERY SCOTT TRUMBO, d.o.b. 2/23/1968, of Branson, Missouri, pleaded guilty on Thursday, January 13, 2011, to the class A felony of Recklessly Infecting Another with H.I.V. By a plea agreement entered between TRUMBO and the State, TRUMBO was sentenced by Taney County Circuit Court Judge Mark Orr at the time of his guilty plea to ten (10) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. Probation was denied.

In August of 2010, a woman reported to the Taney County Sheriff's Office that JEFFERY SCOTT TRUMBO had previously infected her with H.I.V. The woman explained that she and TRUMBO had been in a long-term relationship, however, after separating, TRUMBO informed the woman that he was H.I.V. positive. The woman sought medical attention and confirmed that TRUMBO had, in fact, infected her with H.I.V.

In response to the sentence, Taney County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey M. Merrell stated: "Hopefully the Taney County community feels safer knowing that its local law enforcement, including the Taney County Prosecutor's Office, understands that our community does not tolerate this sort of behavior. This is a crime that has tragic consequences for its victim and this community. Although it is rare that we see this sort of crime, let there be no mistake that we all take it very seriously."

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