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**BOLLES SENTENCED TO FIVE (5) YEARS IN PRISON IN MULTIPLE FELONY CASES**

MATHEW BOLLES (d.o.b. 1-11-1981), of Branson, Missouri, was sentenced by Circuit Judge Mark Orr on Thursday, January 19, 2012, to five (5) years in prison for the class C felony of domestic assault in the second degree. BOLLES entered the guilty plea on Thursday pursuant to a plea agreement with the Taney County Prosecutor's Office. In a separate case, BOLLES pleaded guilty to the class C felony of possession of a controlled substance, for which he received a concurrent five (5) year prison sentence.

The domestic assault case stemmed from a physical altercation with his live-in girlfriend on September 18, 2010, at an apartment on Vineyards Parkway, in Branson. BOLLES was accused by the woman of choking her in the presence of her children and another witness.

In the drug possession case, BOLLES was contacted by Branson Police Officers on November 15, 2010, when officers responded to an allegation of a past assault near Tri-Lakes Center, on Highway 248. An officer described that BOLLES appeared to be intoxicated and observed BOLLES throw several pills onto the ground. The pills were seized by the officer and, eventually, tested at the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Lab. A criminalist tested at least one of the pills and found that it was clonazepam, which is classified as a Schedule IV controlled substance by Missouri statute.

Domestic assault in the second degree and possession of clonazepam are both class C felonies, carrying a maximum penalty of seven (7) years in prison and/or a fine of not more than \$5,000.00.

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