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TYSON HAMM SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Tyson Lee Hamm, 32, of Springfield, Missouri, entered a guilty plea and was sentenced today for the events surrounding the death of Stephen Dowd.

Stephen Dowd was killed on December 29, 2017, at the Motel 6 on North Glenstone. Mr. Dowd and Ethan Barnett went to the Motel 6 with the intent to purchase methamphetamine from Cassidy Clayton, Tyson Hamm, and Andre Smiles. The evidence established that Hamm and Smiles decided to rob Mr. Dowd and Mr. Barnett instead of selling them drugs. During the armed robbery, Mr. Dowd, attempted to fight Hamm and was shot and killed. Today, Tyson Hamm entered guilty pleas to felony murder in the second degree, two counts of robbery in the first degree, two counts of armed criminal action, and two counts of felon in possession of a firearm.

The Honorable David Jones sentenced Mr. Hamm pursuant to a plea agreement to a total of 24 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for these events. Mr. Hamm was also sentenced on a separate felony of unlawful possession of a firearm case to 6 years in prison. These sentences are consecutive for a total of 30 years in prison.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney T. Myers. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Scott Hill was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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