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STATE v. JEREMY ARATA
DRUNK DRIVER GUILTY OF INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Dan Patterson, Greene County Prosecuting Attorney announced that Jeremy William Arata, 23, of Springfield, Missouri was convicted today by a Greene County Jury of the class B felony of involuntary manslaughter in the first degree. The jury found that Arata was intoxicated on November 15, 2007, when the vehicle he was driving struck a vehicle driven by Mr. Paul Fain. Arata's vehicle was going at speeds near 60 miles an hour in a residential area when it collided with Mr. Fain who had just pulled out from a stop sign. Mr. Fain died as a result of the injuries he suffered in the collision. Arata's blood alcohol level was measured at .146%. The jury deliberated for approximately three hours before returning its verdict.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Calvin Holden. The defendant is subject to a sentence of a minimum 5 years to a maximum 15 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. Judge Holden set a sentencing hearing for August 5, 2011, at 3:00 pm following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole. Arata is currently on probation for leaving the scene of an accident and has a subsequent conviction for driving while intoxicated.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Emily Carlstrom. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Officer Patrick Carey was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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