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BILLY HANKINS ENTERS GUILTY PLEA

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Dan Patterson, Greene County Prosecuting Attorney announced that Billy R. Hankins, 57, of Springfield, MO entered a guilty plea to involuntary manslaughter in the first degree. This plea was for events which occurred on July 23rd, 2010, in which Mr. Hankins caused the death of Charles Loftis by striking him with a vehicle. Hankins entered his guilty plea to the class C felony of involuntary manslaughter in the first degree as a prior and persistent felony offender and was subject to an enhanced range of punishment. Under the terms of the agreement, Hankins was sentenced to ten years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. The Honorable Thomas Mountjoy presided over the guilty plea and sentenced Hankins to prison.

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

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