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MISSING WOMAN FOUND MURDERED

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Jay E. Rothe Sr, 65, of Springfield, Missouri, has been charged this evening with the murder of Linda Riley.

Ms. Riley has been missing since Tuesday, February 27, 2012. Since Tuesday, the Springfield Police Department has been working around the clock trying to find Ms. Riley. Tragically, this investigation has become a homicide case. Jay E. Rothe has been charged as follows: Count I, Murder in the 2nd Degree; Count II, Felonious Restraint; and Count III, Kidnapping. Rothe is currently being held on a \$500,000.00 bond in the Greene County Jail.

Mr. Patterson commends the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime lab for expediting the lab testing that helped break this investigation. We are fortunate to have this resource in our community.

Mr. Patterson cautions that the charges contained in the felony complaint are merely allegations and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

The Missouri Supreme Court ethics rules prohibit comments on the facts or investigation of this case beyond those contained in the felony complaint and probable cause statement that are part of the public record.

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

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