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WIFE PLEADS GUILTY TO SHOOTING EX OVER CHILD ABUSE ALLEGATIONS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Lindsey Kleber, 25, of Lees Summit, Missouri, entered guilty pleas to felonious restraint, assault second degree, and armed criminal action. These charges are from events that took place on October 7, 2010. The defendant went to the BBC campus to confront Steven Kleber, her ex-husband. During the initial confrontation, she pointed a gun at Steven, fired several shots, and forced him to leave with her in her car. A few minutes later, she parked in the Dooling school parking lot. The defendant then shot Steven Kleber in the back as he fled from her car. A Greene County Deputy who had responded to the initial dispatch from BBC witnessed the shooting of Steven Kleber. Post Miranda, the defendant admitted to forcing Steven Kleber into her car at gun point and to shooting him. During the time this case was pending, the defendant has been under the care of a psychologist. The psychologist's forensic exam found the defendant's crime was an emotionally charged crime of passion that occurred as a result of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The doctor reported that the defendant was in a depersonalized and altered psychological state due to the abuse inflicted on her baby which was alleged to have been committed by Steven Kleber.

Patterson said, "the State amended the charges to take into consideration the mitigating factors presented in the psychologist's report. However, vigilante justice can not be condoned. In addition to the injuries suffered by the victim, several students and others in the area were placed in risk of being shot because of the defendant's actions." Under the plea agreement, the defendant will be sentenced to the Missouri Department of Corrections for three years on each count. Judge Holden set a sentencing hearing for June 29, 2012, at 1:30.

The child abuse case against Steven Kleber is still pending and is scheduled to go to trial August 20, 2012. Please note that these charges are merely allegations and that Steven Kleber is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

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