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**Man Pleads Guilty, Receives 10 Year Sentence in Drunk Driving Fatalities**

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Timmy Ray Maggard, 40, of Rogersville, Missouri, entered a guilty plea to two counts of involuntary manslaughter related to the deaths of two Greene County women in a 2009 car wreck.

On October 9, 2009, Maggard was the driver of a sport utility vehicle when he lost control of the vehicle, causing it to become airborne and collide with a tree. M'Kenzie Tindall, 17, and her mother Melissa Mincks, 39, were passengers in the vehicle, and died as a result of injuries sustained in the crash. The collision occurred on Route BB near its intersection with Route Z in Greene County, Missouri.

Investigators with the Missouri State Highway Patrol determined through their investigation that Maggard was driving at a minimum speed of 81 miles per hour just before losing control of the vehicle. The speed limit in that area of Route BB is 40 miles per hour. Troopers observed that the defendant smelled of intoxicants, and located a cooler and alcoholic beverage containers among the wreckage at the scene. Medical records confirmed that Maggard was under the influence of alcohol when blood tests were done following the crash.

Today, Maggard entered guilty pleas before the Honorable Dan Conklin. Maggard was sentenced to a total of 10 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. He was sentenced to five years prison on each count of involuntary manslaughter, and those sentences will run consecutive to each other (he must serve the first sentence before beginning the second sentence). Probation was denied pursuant to the plea agreement.

**This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Emily Carlstrom. It was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop D and Sergeant Robert Proctor and Sergeant Bonnie Talik were lead investigators assigned to the case.**

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