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Clark Guilty On Two Counts of First Degree Murder

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Willie Clark, 53, of Springfield, Missouri, was convicted yesterday by a Greene County Jury of two counts of first degree murder, one count of assault in the first degree for attempting to kill, and three counts of armed criminal action. The jury deliberated for a little over an hour before returning its verdict finding Clark guilty as charged in all counts.

The defendant represented himself at trial after he dismissed his public defender and waived his right to an attorney. While this is unusual, everyone charged with a crime has the right to represent themselves after questioning by the judge.

The evidence at trial established that the defendant was in a relationship with Andrea Anderson. He went to her home on February 13, 2015, where they began arguing. Ronald Anderson, Andrea's adult son, tried to intervene and the defendant shot him. Andrea ran for the door to escape and the defendant shot and killed her. Andrea's other adult son, Kevin, was in a back bedroom while this was occurring. The defendant shot and killed Kevin and shot Ronald two more times attempting to kill him. The defendant then left the house. Ronald survived being shot three times and testified to these events.

The defendant fled to his other girlfriend's house in Springfield and then to a third girlfriend's house in Arkansas. The girlfriend in Springfield notified police and turned over the gun which the defendant left with her. The defendant was arrested on February 17th and has remained in the custody of the Greene County Jail since that day.

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The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable David Jones. The defendant is subject to a sentence of life without eligibility for parole on each count of first degree murder. Judge Jones set a sentencing hearing for November 3, 2017 11:00:00 AM.

This case was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Neal McAmis was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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