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Drug Dealer Sentenced to Life plus One Hundred Years for 2011 Murder

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Terry D. Morrison, 55, of Springfield, Missouri was sentenced today for the September 23, 2011 murder of Pristina Tyner. Morrison was found guilty of murder in the second degree and armed criminal action by a jury on March 15, 2018 after a three day trial.

Evidence was presented that the defendant believed that the victim could be providing information on his drug dealing activity to law enforcement. On the night of September 23, 2011, the Defendant was driven to the hotel on north Glenstone, where the victim was staying. The Defendant entered the victim's room with a handgun, chased her onto the walkway, and fired a single shot into her head as she ran down the stairs, killing her.

Morrison was sentenced by The Honorable Thomas Mountjoy to life imprisonment in the Missouri Department of Corrections for murder in the second degree and 100 years imprisonment in the Missouri Department of Corrections for armed criminal action.

Judge Mountjoy ordered the sentences to be served consecutively.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Joshua Harrel and Philip Fuhrman. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detectives Tony Vienhage and Scott Hill were the lead investigators assigned to the case.