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GUILTY VERDICT IN MURDER TRIAL OF CHRISTINA DUCKETT

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Christina R. Duckett, 34, of Springfield, MO was convicted last Friday by a Greene County Jury of murdering a man whom she had met on an online dating site.

Duckett was found guilty of two counts contained in the felony indictment. The jury deliberated for five hours before returning its verdict. The Defendant, was found guilty by the jury in Count 1 charging murder in the second degree, and Count 2 charging armed criminal action for events that took place on or about September 9, 2018 in Springfield, Missouri.

The evidence at trial established that in between the late evening of September 9 and early morning of September 10, 2018, the Defendant shot the victim, Joshua Brooks, three times after going on a date with Brooks. After finishing a movie shortly before 11:45 p.m., Joshua Brooks left the movie theater with the Defendant. Brooks was found deceased the next morning in the driver's seat of his car at the bottom of a dead-end street. Cellular phone location data confirmed Brooks had been at the same location since 12:05 a.m., and had ceased responding to text messages from his family at the same time. Physical evidence located at the scene indicated that Brooks had been shot three times in the head at close range by his passenger. Investigation by detectives uncovered additional electronic data and evidence which placed the Defendant in the area of the crime scene between 12:04 a.m. and 12:37 a.m. Investigators also discovered that the defendant was in possession of the same caliber and brand of ammunition used to kill Mr. Brooks.

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, State v. Duckett, 1831-CR06738

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable J. Ronald Carrier. The defendant is subject to a sentence of ten to thirty years in the Missouri Department of Corrections, or a life sentence. Judge Carrier set a sentencing hearing for Jan 10, 2020 at 11:00 AM following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney James Miao and First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Phil Fuhrman. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Kelly Patton was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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