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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Terry Brake's Murderer Charged

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Dan Patterson, Greene County Prosecuting Attorney, announced that Clarence L. Smith, 56, of Springfield, MO has been charged with murder for events that occurred at 1331 W. Mt. Vernon, Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.

The Defendant, was charged by felony complaint in Count I with Murder 2nd degree and Count II with Armed Criminal Action for using a knife and causing the death of Mr. Terry Brake. The Defendant, was charged by felony complaint in Count III with Assault 1st degree and in Count IV with Armed Criminal Action for stabbing Ms. Misty Smith. The Defendant, was charged by felony complaint in Count V with Assault 2nd degree and in Count VI with Armed Criminal Action for stabbing Ms. Ronda Cruse.

The Defendant is currently being held on a \$300,000.00 bond. The preliminary hearing is set for October 3, 2011, at 10:00 am.

Mr. Patterson cautions that the charges contained in the felony complaint are merely allegations and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

Copies of the felony complaint and probable statement filed in this case are attached to this release. The Missouri Supreme Court ethics rules prohibit comments on the facts or investigation of this case beyond those contained in the felony complaint and probable cause statement that are part of the public record.

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

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