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GUILTY PLEA IN 1982 MURDER OF ANGELA BASKIN

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Dan Patterson, Greene County Prosecuting Attorney announced that today, Thursday, June 9, 2011, RICHARD L. WALKER, 56, entered a guilty plea to the July 29, 1982, stabbing of Angela Baskin.

Walker entered the guilty plea before the Honorable Dan Conklin to murder in the second degree. This 28 year old case involved the stabbing of Angela Baskin outside of the Villa Inn Motel on North Glenstone Avenue in Springfield, Missouri. The case had remained an open investigation at the Springfield Police Department for 28 years. Following a recent review of the case by the Springfield Police Department's Violent Crimes Unit, Springfield Police Detectives Kevin Shipley and Todd King traveled to Colorado and interviewed Walker in the Colorado Department of Corrections where he is serving a sentence for an unrelated crime. During a December 15, 2010, interview, Walker admitted to having contact with Ms. Baskin on the parking lot of a nearby bar, to stabbing Ms. Baskin outside the Villa Inn Motel and to throwing his knife in a field near the motel.

Under the plea agreement, the defendant is subject to a sentence of up to 20 years in the Department of Corrections, probation will be denied. Judge Conklin set a sentencing hearing for August 19, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. following the preparation of a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

**This case was investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Kevin Shipley was the lead investigator assigned to the case.**

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