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JURY FINDS MAN GUILTY IN MURDER OVER A MISSING CELL PHONE

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Keeton Hill Waring, 33, was convicted Wednesday by a Greene County Jury of the 2019 murder of Jamie Carroll. The defendant was found guilty of three counts contained in the felony information. The jury deliberated for over four hours before returning its verdict.

The jury found the defendant guilty of Count I: murder in the second degree under the felony murder rule because the death resulted from the defendant's unlawful possession of a firearm; Count II, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon; and Count III, unlawful use of a weapon by exhibiting in an angry or threatening manner. The evidence at trial was that the defendant shot Mr. Carroll with a shotgun on February 21, 2019, after the defendant became upset about a missing cell phone.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Becky Borthwick. As a prior and persistent felony offender, the defendant is subject to a sentence of ten to thirty years or life imprisonment for murder in the second degree, three to ten years imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$10,000.00 on unlawful possession of a weapon, and up to seven years imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$10,000.00 on unlawful use of a weapon. Judge Borthwick set a sentencing hearing for October 27, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Joshua Harrel and Zachary McFarland. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Cody Williams was the lead investigator assigned to the case.