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Former Evangel Student Convicted of Negligently Shooting Fellow Student

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Terry L. Robinson, 25, Missouri was convicted on September 17, 2024 by the Honorable Judge Kaiti Greenwade of the involuntary manslaughter of his friend and fellow Evangel student, Tyree Crenshaw. The former Evangel student athlete who negligently shot and killed his friend four years ago was found guilty of the class E felony of second-degree involuntary manslaughter and misdemeanor making a false report. The defendant will be formally sentenced on December 19, 2024. He faces up to four years in a Missouri Department of Corrections prison for the involuntary manslaughter conviction.

Robinson admitted to pulling the trigger and shooting Crenshaw around midnight on April 30, 2020 — just a few hours after the two friends had returned home from a four-day Chicago trip. The two were not in any type of argument at the time of the shooting, Robinson testified. Rather, they were both just hanging out after their trip. Robinson said another roommate had placed the gun — a Smith & Wesson 380 Shield — on the nightstand in Robinson's and Crenshaw's bedroom. Robinson testified he believed the gun was not loaded and that Crenshaw asked if the gun was real. Robinson said he picked up the gun, pulled back the slide and pulled the trigger. He testified he had very little experience with guns and that he was mimicking how another student, the gun's owner and their roommate — had demonstrated to Robinson a few hours earlier how to handle the gun, which at that time was unloaded. Robinson testified he was surprised when the gun went off, that he didn't intentionally aim the gun at Crenshaw and, at first, believed Crenshaw was joking about being shot. Responding officers found Crenshaw still alive but shot in the chest. Crenshaw died on the way to the hospital. Robinson and the owner of the gun initially both told police it was a drive-by shooting. At the police station, Robinson admitted to a detective that it was Robinson who pulled the trigger.

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, State v. Robinson, 2031-CR02916-01

In Missouri, a person is guilty of second-degree involuntary manslaughter if he or she acted with criminal negligence to cause the death of any person.

The defendant waived his right to a jury trial and had a one-day bench trial in front Greene County Judge Kaiti Greenwade on Aug. 28.

Greene County prosecutors Conor Browne and Amanda Johnson argued they didn't have to prove whether Robinson meant to kill Crenshaw, but that Robinson acted with criminal negligence when Robinson picked up the gun and pulled the trigger while the gun was aimed at Crenshaw.

Judge Greenwade set a sentencing hearing for Dec 19 2024 10:00 am following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Amanda Johnson and Conor Browne. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Kevin Cantrell was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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