



NEWS RELEASE  
GREENE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY  
DAN PATTERSON

---

Contact: Rhonda Ogden, Office Manager – (417) 868-4061  
1010 Boonville  
Springfield, MO 65802

08/06/2021

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE PLUS 100 YEARS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Lonnie Leroy Williams, 33, of Springfield, MO was sentenced today by Judge Becky Borthwick for the December 20, 2019 murder of Mackenna Milhon. Judge Borthwick followed the recommendation of First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Phil Fuhrman and sentenced the defendant to life in prison without the possibility of parole on the charge of murder in the first degree and, in addition, a consecutive one hundred years on the charge of armed criminal action.

The defendant had been convicted on May 6, 2021, following a three day jury trial. The jury of eleven women and one man deliberated for approximately three and one half hours before returning its verdict. The verdict and sentence in this case was made possible, in part, by outstanding interagency cooperation between the Springfield Police Department and the Greene County Sheriff's Office. Mackenna was reported missing after last being seen on December 20, 2019 in the company of the defendant. Her body was discovered ten days later on December 30, 2019, just north of Springfield. The Springfield Police Department investigated the missing person report and used a combination of cell phone technology, field interviews, and a Crime Stoppers report to locate Mackenna. The Greene County Sheriff's Office investigated the homicide as Mackenna's murder was committed outside of the city limits.

Prosecutor Patterson thanks the members of the jury for their service and appreciates their thoughtful consideration of evidence that no one should have to hear or see. He also expressed his thanks to Detective Cody Williams and the Springfield Police Department and Detective Jennifer Flood and the Greene County Sheriff's Office for their tireless work on this case both to find Mackenna and to bring the defendant to justice. Patterson further stated that he knows that the jury's verdict and today's

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, State v. Williams, 2031-CR00008-01

sentence cannot bring closure for the family or fill the gap caused by Mackenna's absence but hopes that the verdict and sentence brings the family some measure of comfort knowing the defendant has been held accountable for their loss.

This case was prosecuted by Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson and First Assistant Phillip Fuhrman. It was investigated by Detective Cody Williams of the Springfield Police Department and Detective Jennifer Flood of the Greene County Sheriff's Office.

###