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Man Found Guilty of 2019 Murder at the Ozark Inn

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Seth A. Gomez, 21, of Springfield, MO was found guilty on Monday, May 10, 2021, of murder in the first degree and armed criminal action for the 2019 murder of Calvin Allen Jr.

The trial was conducted in April and taken under advisement by the Court to review the evidence presented by the parties. On May 10, 2021, the Honorable Jason Brown announced the guilty verdicts.

Evidence introduced at trial showed that the Defendant stabbed the victim in the head and neck while the victim was laying on a bed. The Defendant then shot the victim in the back when he tried to flee the room. The victim's cause of death was a gunshot wound to the back. Other evidence included statements the defendant made prior to the murder suggesting he was trying to arrange a getaway driver and statements the defendant made after the murder where he admitted to the murder to a friend. The Court also heard evidence that the defendant was found to be in possession of the knife that was used to stab the victim, and repeatedly attempted to discourage an eyewitness from coming to court.

Murder in the first degree is punishable by life in prison without the possibility of parole and armed criminal action carries a minimum sentence of three years with no maximum term of years.

This case was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Kelly Patton was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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