

## DOUGLAS RIVETTE PLEADS GUILTY TO FELONY MURDER

TROY, Mo. – Lincoln County Prosecuting Attorney, Leah W. Askey announced today that Douglas Rivette, 31, of Troy, Missouri, has plead guilty and was sentenced for an assault that killed a 3 year old Lincoln County boy last year.

Rivette was sentenced to 25 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for Felony Murder and 3 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for Armed Criminal Action.

The charges arose from an August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 incident where Rivette admitted to causing 3 year old Demetrius Washington's death by kicking him in the stomach with such force the 3 year old fell backwards and forcibly hit a door with the back of his head. The toddler was pronounced dead at the Lincoln County Memorial Hospital later that same day.

"I am grateful to the Detectives who investigated this case with such determination and spirit. I am pleased that the family was able to be present for the plea hearing and sentencing of Mr. Rivette. Unfortunately, our system failed this little boy on more than one occasion and while this case is an extreme tragedy, I am happy that we were able to get some justice for Demetrius and his family with this outcome."

**This case was prosecuted by Prosecuting Attorney Leah W. Askey. It was investigated by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Detective Sgt. Ryan McCarrick and Detective Patrick Harney were the lead investigators.**

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