

## RANDOLPH JAMES FOUND GUILTY IN FATAL CAR ACCIDENT

TROY, Mo. – Lincoln County Prosecuting Attorney, Leah Wommack Askey, announced today that Randolph James, 33, of Troy, Missouri, was found guilty based on events from a fatal automobile accident on November 21, 2012 at approximately 5:53 a.m. on Missouri Highway 47 west of Route EE in Lincoln County. Mr. James was found guilty of Involuntary Manslaughter for operating a motor vehicle while in an intoxicated condition and causing the death of a 9 year old victim who was not a passenger in his vehicle. He was also found guilty of three Counts of Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, operating a vehicle while intoxicated resulting in injury to three other victims, and four misdemeanor counts, including driving while suspended, failure to have insurance, and driving without an ignition interlock device as ordered by a previous court.

The Honorable Judge Jim Beck rendered the verdict and sentenced James to 12 years in prison for Involuntary Manslaughter, 5 years for each Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and 6 months for the misdemeanors.

Askey said, “As a prosecutor, I feel the sentence imposed was just and fair considering the defendant’s prior history. As a mother, my heart breaks for both families. There isn’t a punishment great enough to make up for the loss of a child”.

This case was prosecuted by Prosecuting Attorney Leah Wommack Askey and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Richardson. It was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

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