



NEWS RELEASE
GREENE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
DAN PATTERSON

Contact: Rhonda Ogden, Office Manager – (417) 868-4061

02/07/2022

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

JURY FINDS OWNER OF FORMER SPRINGFIELD GYM
GUILTY OF MURDERING NEIGHBOR

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Pavel Samsinak, 48, the owner of Czech Us Out, a personal training gym in Springfield, Missouri that closed in 2020 was convicted on Friday, February 4, 2022, by a Greene County Jury of the September 21, 2020, murder of his neighbor, Alice Hale, a retired elementary school janitor.

The jury found Samsinak guilty of all four charged offenses: murder in the second degree, armed criminal action, arson in the second degree, and tampering with physical evidence. The evidence presented showed that the defendant murdered Ms. Hale following an argument about a fence the defendant was building between his vacant lot and Ms. Hale's home on West Lombard Street near Grand Street and Kansas Expressway. Testimony during the trial showed that Samsinak beat Ms. Hale to death with a dangerous instrument, set her house on fire to destroy evidence of the murder, and then watched her house burn from the parking lot of a nearby convenience store. The jury heard testimony of neighbors placing Samsinak at the scene arguing with Ms. Hale prior to the murder, viewed surveillance video located by the Springfield Police Department at the nearby Express Stop convenience store, and was presented with evidence discovered on Samsinak's cell phone, and evidence of the victim's blood on the driver's seat belt in Samsinak's pick-up truck. The jury deliberated for approximately forty-five minutes before returning its guilty verdicts.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Becky Borthwick. The defendant is subject to a life sentence for murder in the second degree. Judge Borthwick set a sentencing hearing for May 11, 2022, at 2:30 pm following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

This case was tried by Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson and Assistant Prosecutor Scott Lucy. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Kevin Cantrell was the lead investigator assigned to the case.