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Man Receives Life Sentence for Murder

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Connor Jacob Cox, 23, of Springfield, Missouri, pleaded guilty and was sentenced this past Friday on February 7, 2020, for the murder of his adopted mother. The murder took place at their home on February 27, 2018.

Cox had been originally charged with murder in the first degree. On Friday, Cox entered a guilty plea to murder in the second degree and was sentenced by The Honorable David Jones pursuant to a plea agreement to life in the Missouri Department of Corrections. Murder in the second degree is a dangerous felony and requires a defendant to serve 85% of a sentence before becoming eligible for parole. For parole eligibility purposes only, a life sentence is calculated at 30 years, which means the defendant will not be eligible to be considered for parole until he has served at least twenty-five and one half years of his life sentence. The defendant also received a 5 year concurrent sentence for armed criminal action.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Todd Myers and was investigated by the Greene County Sheriff's Office and Detective David Jolliff was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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