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RE: STATE V. PATRICK AYERS
09N8-CR00822-02

DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY TO FELONY STEALING FROM LOCAL BUSINESS

Ozark, MO - Christian County Prosecuting Attorney, Amy J. Fite announced today that PATRICK AYRES, dob: 07/09/1960 of Highlandville, Missouri plead guilty to the class C felony of stealing. The case was set to go to trial today in Taney County in front of Taney County Associate Circuit Judge Tony Williams. Prior to trial, the defendant announced his desire to plead guilty. The plea was without a plea agreement with the State.

PATRICK AYRES plead guilt to stealing from Sports Boat USA which is a business located in Ozark, MO. He admitted that while employed by Sport Boat USA as service manager he requested payment for two vendors. The two vendors were companies that he either owned by himself or with his family. He agreed with the State that he received money from Sport Boat USA without providing any thing of value in return.

Formal sentencing is set for September 15, 2011. Prior to sentencing, a sentencing assesement report will be prepared by the Missouri Department of Corrections. The class C felony of stealing carries a range of punishment of one (1) day to one (1) year in the Christian County Jail or one (1) year to seven (7) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections and/or a fine not to exceed five thousand (5,000) dollars.