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**RE: STATE V. TIMOTHY R. LAWRENCE JR.**  
**10CT-CR01372-01**

**DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE  
AND ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF 9MM PISTOL**

Ozark, MO - Christian County Prosecuting Attorney, Amy J. Fite announced today that TIMOTHY R. LAWRENCE JR., dob: 09/03/1985 of Ozark, Missouri plead guilty to the class B felony of possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute and possession of a firearm after a felony conviction. The defendant entered his plea in front of Christian County Circuit Judge Mark Orr.

On March 19, 2010, multiple law enforcement agencies including the COMET drug task force, Ozark Police Department, and Nixa Police Department served a search warrant on the home of LAWRENCE. During the search, officer recovered several bags of methamphetamine, a bag of marijuana and a variety of pills. A 9mm pistol was found in a bedroom in the home. LAWRENCE admitted to law enforcement officer that he was intending to sell the drug and had sold before. LAWRENCE had previously been convicted of possession of controlled substance and felony resisting arrest.

LAWRENCE was sentence to twelve years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute the drug and 7 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for illegal possession of the pistol. The sentences are to run concurrently with each other.