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**RE: STEVEN YOUNGBLOOD SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS  
FOR ROBBERY 1<sup>st</sup> and ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION**

OZARK, MO – The Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office announced today that on July 20, 2012, STEVEN YOUNGBLOOD DOB: 7-13-1985 of Reeds Spring, MO plead guilty to and was sentenced for the class A felony of Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and the unclassified felony of Armed Criminal Action pursuant to a plea agreement that defendant would receive a cap of 25 years on each count concurrent in the Missouri Department of Corrections. On July 20, 2012 defendant was sentenced on each count as a prior and persistent offender by the Honorable Judge Mark Orr to twenty-five (25) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

On December 5, 2011 the defendant approached a woman at the Nixa Wal-Mart who was in her car and getting ready to close the door when the defendant stepped in blocking the victim from closing the door. The defendant displayed what appeared to be a handgun. The defendant stated if the victim did not comply that it would get ugly. The defendant demanded the victim to scoot over and let him into the car. Further, the defendant demanded the victim's wallet and her wedding ring. The defendant turned over the \$11.00 in her wallet to the defendant but not her ring. After informing the defendant there were cameras watching defendant, the victim was able to get her door closed and drive to the police station to report the crime. During the course of the investigation it was discovered the gun displayed by the defendant had been a pellet gun.

The day prior on December 4, 2011, the defendant committed a Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> and Armed Criminal Action in Taney County. The defendant pled guilty pursuant to a similar plea agreement to those charges on July 19, 2012 and received a twenty five (25) year sentence on each count concurrent from the Honorable Judge Mark Orr.

The defendant currently has pending charges from Greene County for Attempt Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree charged as occurring on December 5, 2012.

The range of punishment for the class A felony of Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree is ten (10) years to thirty (30) years or life in the Missouri Department of Corrections, currently the law requires a defendant to serve 85% of any such sentence before being eligible for parole. The range of punishment for the unclassified felony of Armed Criminal Action is a term of years not less than three (3) years incarceration in the Missouri Department of Corrections.