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RE: JESUS PADILLA PLEADS GUILTY TO MURDER 2nd DEGREE

OZARK, MO – The Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office announced that on July 1, 2015, JESUS A. PADILLA DOB: 11/14/1992 formerly of Nixa, MO, appeared in front of Special Judge Calvin Holden and plead guilty to murder in the second degree and armed criminal action and pursuant to the terms of a plea agreement was sentenced to 15 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for the murder in the second degree and three years in the Missouri Department of Correction for armed criminal action. The counts are to be served concurrently.

Murder in the Second Degree is a class A felony. The range of punishment is 10 years to 30 years or life in the Missouri Department of Corrections. By statute an offender must serve 85% of the sentence prior to becoming eligible for parole.

Armed Criminal Action is an unclassified felony. The range of punishment is a minimum term of three years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. For this offense an offender is not eligible for probation.

This case was investigated by the Nixa Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Prosecuting Attorney Amy Fite