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Cole County Grand Jury returns two-count indictment against Alyssa Bustamante in Elizabeth Olten murder case

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI (November 18, 2009) – Cole County Prosecuting Attorney Mark Richardson announced that the Cole County Grand Jury today returned an indictment against Alyssa Bustamante in the Elizabeth Olten murder case.

The Grand Jury returned a two-count indictment in State of Missouri v. Alyssa Dailen Bustamante, dob 1/28/1994, as follows: Count I, murder in the first degree; Count II, armed criminal action.

In Count I, the indictment alleges that, on or about October 21, 2009, Alyssa Bustamante, after deliberation, knowingly caused the death of Elizabeth Kay Olten by strangling her, cutting her throat, and stabbing her. In Count II, the indictment alleges that, on or about October 21, 2009, Alyssa Bustamante committed the murder charged in Count I by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance, and aid of a dangerous instrument, a knife.

The range of punishment for Count I, murder in the first degree, a class A felony, is life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. For Count II, armed criminal action, an unclassified felony, the range of punishment is three years imprisonment and up.

A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until evidence is presented in court proving the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.