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## **Cole County Prosecuting Attorney Mark Richardson announces outcomes of recent cases of interest**

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI (February 3, 2010) – Cole County Prosecuting Attorney Mark Richardson recently announced the outcome of three recent cases of interest handled by his office:

### **Jury finds Jefferson City man guilty for possession of a controlled substance**

A Cole County jury recently deliberated almost two hours before handing down a guilty verdict today against Alonzo Darrough for possession of a controlled substance. The charge stemmed from an incident that occurred January 18, 2008, on Taylor Drive.

Jurors heard testimony from four Jefferson City police officers, the Jefferson City Police Department evidence technician, and an expert criminalist in the construction possession of heroin case. Testimony established that, when responding to a residence regarding a potential burglary call, officers confronted the defendant inside her residence near an unconscious woman.

The defendant refused to comply with the officer's commands and attempted to flee and fight and with an officer. That struggle led them through the living room, dining room, and ultimately into the kitchen of the residence, where the two bumped into a stove before the defendant suddenly became compliant.

Upon a subsequent search of the area of the struggle, officers found more than two grams of heroin behind the stove. Indications were that the heroin had been recently dropped there in light of the dust, dirt, and grime surrounding the package of heroin. Officers testified that the street value of this amount of heroin was significant, and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Steven

M. Kretzer argued that someone would not just toss something worth that much behind their stove to conceal it and that the jury should conclude that it was thrown down by the defendant during the struggle.

Further evidence showed that the defendant possessed diphenhydramine, an over-the-counter allergy medication that abusers of heroin use to stave off the allergy-like symptoms associated with snorting heroin.

**Jefferson City woman receives three-year sentence for role in robbery**

A Jefferson City woman pled guilty and was recently sentenced to three years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for her role in an October 13, 2009, robbery of local attorneys and businessmen. Former Circuit Judge Richard Callahan suspended the three-year sentence of Brenda E. Oakley and ordered her to complete five years of supervised probation and serve 60 days of shock time in the Cole County Jail.

Oakley hindered the prosecution of Patrick Harris by concealing him in her apartment after his alleged robbery of gentlemen who gather weekly on East Capitol Avenue.

**Jefferson City man receives 20 years for having deviate sexual intercourse with daughter**

A Jefferson City man pled guilty and was recently sentenced to 20 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for having deviate sexual intercourse with his five-year-old daughter. The charge stemmed from an incident that occurred on May 13, 2009, when the 40-year-old man placed his penis in the mouth of his daughter, who was less than 12 years old at the time of the offense.