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Boyce sentenced to 30 years in prison for October 6, 2011, robbery and assault on Lafayette Street

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI (November 14, 2012) – Demetrius Leron Boyce, 26, was sentenced today to 30 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for robbing and shooting a man in the 500 block of Lafayette Street on October 6, 2011. Sentence was imposed by Circuit Judge Daniel R. Green following a two-day jury trial July 30 and 31, 2012, in Cole County Circuit Court.

The jury found Boyce guilty of robbery in the first degree (a class A felony, punishable by a term of years not less than 10 years and not to exceed 30 years, or life imprisonment), assault in the first degree (a class B felony, punishable by a term of years not less than five years and not to exceed 15 years), and armed criminal action (an unclassified felony with a minimum punishment of three years and a maximum of life imprisonment). Judge Green sentenced Boyce to 30 years for the robbery count, 15 years for the assault count, and 10 years for the armed criminal action count, with the sentence in each count to run concurrently with one another. Under state law, Boyce must serve at least 85 percent of the robbery and armed criminal action counts before he is eligible for parole.

“The sentence Judge Green imposed today was a fair one,” said Jonathan Bertz, Cole County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, who tried the case for the State. “Boyce was held to account for robbing and shooting a Good Samaritan who was merely trying to help him. Our hope is that this sentence will serve as a deterrent to those in our community who are thinking of victimizing others in these types of street crimes.”