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Gypsy Blanchard Pleads Guilty to Murder of her Mother

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Gypsy-Rose Blanchard, 24, of Springfield, Missouri, entered a guilty plea to an amended charge of murder in the second degree for acting with Nicholas Godejohn to murder Gypsy's mother, Claudine Blanchard.

Under the plea agreement, Gypsy Blanchard was sentenced today to a ten year sentence in the Missouri Department of Corrections and probation was denied. Because murder in the second degree is a dangerous felony under Missouri Law, Ms. Blanchard will have to serve 85% of her sentence before she can be considered for parole.

Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson explained that, "while the evidence in this case clearly established that Gypsy Blanchard was guilty of murder and that the murder was neither justifiable nor excusable, the amended charge and ten year sentence fairly and justly holds Gypsy Blanchard accountable to the law while also taking into account the extreme mitigating circumstances of the nearly two decades of systematic and purposeful abuse of Gypsy Blanchard by her mother to facilitate her mother's fraudulent schemes."

This case was investigated by the Greene County Sheriff's Office and Detective Stanley Hancock was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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