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MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS FOR 1982 MURDER

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Dan Patterson, Greene County Prosecuting Attorney announced that Richard L. Walker, 56, of Canon City, Colorado was sentenced today on a murder in the second degree charge for the 1982 stabbing of Angela Baskin.

On June 9, 2011, Walker entered a guilty plea to murder in the second degree. Walker was sentenced today by The Honorable Dan Conklin to 20 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections in accordance with the plea agreement. This case involved the early morning stabbing on July 29, 1982, of 27 year old Angela Baskin outside of the Villa Inn at 2601 N. Glenstone Avenue in Springfield. Though Walker was arrested that morning he was unable to be charged at that time.

This case was investigated as a “cold case” by Detective Kevin Shipley of the Springfield Police Department’s Violent Crimes Unit. In December, 2010, Detective Shipley contacted and interviewed Walker at the Arrowhead Correctional Facility in Canon City, Colorado. After being confronted with the evidence in the case, Walker eventually made several admissions that confirmed that he was the person who stabbed Angela Baskin.

Walker is also serving a life sentence in the Colorado Department of Corrections for the 1999 sexual assault of his then wife. Walker will be returned to the Colorado Department of Corrections to serve that sentence concurrently with this sentence.

This case was prosecuted by Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Kevin Shipley was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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