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NEWS RELEASE

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Details: Today Jonathan Folks was sentenced to life in prison with a minimum of 25 years before he may be considered for parole in the murder of his girlfriend, Donna Perry. Last Thursday, September 24, a jury found Folks guilty of Murder and Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine following a two week jury trial.

The defendant and the victim had driven from Mississippi to Springfield in late October 2014 as part of a construction crew to work on a Springfield mill. The evidence, including the defendant's admission, showed that the defendant had strangled Donna Perry to death in their hotel room the morning they had planned on departing on their return drive to Mississippi.