



16th Judicial Circuit Court of Missouri

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Updated News Release

It is with profound sadness that we are now notifying the public that our Civil Process server employee died who was shot this afternoon while on site for an eviction.

Our employee, Drexel Mack, had worked for the Court for 12 years. He was shot by someone inside a house at 1111 N. Elsea Smith Road in Independence.

“We are simply devastated that someone who is doing their job on behalf of the Court could be shot and killed,” said Presiding Judge Jalilah Otto. “Every day there are people at the Court who serve legal papers and who handle evictions and that is their job, and they perform their jobs diligently. Our hearts are very heavy and we send our sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Mack, and the families of the Independence Police Department officers who also suffered tragedies today.”

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