

September 20, 2013

Zidek Sentenced to 8 Years in Prison

St. Charles County, Missouri - THE OFFICE OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TIM LOHMAR ANNOUNCES that on September 20, 2013, the Hon Judge Rick Zerr sentenced Charles A. Zidek of St. Charles to eight years in prison after a St. Charles County jury found Zidek guilty of felony burglary in the second degree and felony animal abuse. Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Steve Kobal and Phil Groenweghe represented the State of Missouri.

In the early morning hours of October 9, 2011, Zidek entered into the home of his ex-girlfriend on Kettering Drive in St. Charles at a time that no one was home. Zidek entered the home by breaking and entering through a basement window. While inside the home, Zidek tortured an Italian Greyhound named "Vinny," by repeatedly striking him. Vinny was the pet of Zidek's ex-girlfriend and her two children.

The injuries to Vinny caused by Zidek were of such severity that Vinny was euthanized at the recommendation of a treating veterinarian.

