



**STATE OF KANSAS  
Tenth Judicial District  
Steve Howe, District Attorney**

**\*\*UPDATE\*\***

**Date: October 13, 2022**

On October 13, 2022, the honorable Judge Timothy P. McCarthy sentenced Clyde James Barnes, Jr. to life in prison without the possibility of parole for 50 years on Count 1, Premeditated First Degree Murder. He was further sentenced to 172 months for Aggravated Burglary, Count 2; 19 months for Tampering with Electronic Monitoring Device, Count 3; and 7 months for Criminal Threat, Count 4; and 12 months jail for Violation of Protection Order, Count 5. All sentences for Counts 1 – 4 are to run consecutive. Sentence for Count 5 is Concurrent with count 1.

**Date: June 1, 2022**

On May 31, 2022, a jury found Clyde James Barnes, Jr. guilty of Premeditated First Degree Murder, Aggravated Burglary, Unlawful Tampering with Electronic Monitoring, Criminal Threat and Violation of a Protection Order in case number 20CR1599. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Megan Ahsens and Cathy Eaton, with the assistance of the Olathe Police Department and the Johnson County Crime Lab. This case is set for sentencing on October 13, 2022.

**Date: July 9, 2020**

Clyde James Barnes, Jr., 42, has been charged with Premeditated First Degree Murder, Aggravated Burglary, Unlawful Tampering with Electronic Monitoring, Criminal Threat and Violation of a Protection Order in Johnson County District Court case number 20CR1599.

On July 5, 2020, at approximately 3:00 a.m., officers were dispatched to the scene of a reported aggravated burglary at a residence in Olathe, Kansas. When officers arrived, they found Jessica Leigh Smith deceased inside the residence.

The arrest was the result of an investigation by the Olathe Police Department and the Johnson County Crime Lab.

His bond is currently set at \$1,000,000.

Barnes' first appearance in District Court has not been set at this time.

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