



STATE OF KANSAS
Tenth Judicial District

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On January 25, 2024, Ronald Lee Kidwell pled guilty to Voluntary Manslaughter in the July 2018 death of MeShon Cooper through case number 18CR1888.

This case is scheduled for sentencing before the Honorable District Court Judge Timothy McCarthy, Division 18, on March 14, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Marissa Bell and Tyler Childress, with the assistance of the Shawnee Police Department, the Johnson County Crime Lab, the Lenexa Police Department, the Kansas City (Missouri) Police Department, the Kansas City (Missouri) Police Crime Laboratory, and the FBI Cellular Analysis Survey Team (CAST).

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