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JURY CONVICTS SALES IN 2022 MURDER OF MOTHER

Kendall County State's Attorney Eric Weis announced that Cody Sales (dob: _08/19/95) of Plattville, Illinois, was found guilty but mentally ill after a three -day jury trial last week on the charge of First Degree Murder and Aggravated Animal Cruelty.

The charges in this case resulted after Kendall County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the home of Nancy Sales back on June 25, 2022, for a well-being check. When deputies arrived, they were unable to make contact with Nancy but were able to contact Cody Sales, the victim's son. After several hours, deputies forced entry into the home and found Cody Sales had murdered Nancy Sales using a hammer. Additionally, Cody Sales had killed the victim's dog. Cody Sales had stabbed himself repeatedly prior to being arrested by law enforcement. Cody Sales admitted to the murder of his mother and killing the dog.

The three-day jury trial focused on Cody Sale's mental state at the time of the murder. The defense argued and presented evidence that Cody Sales was insane at the time of the murder and should not be held criminally responsible. The State's Attorney's Office presented evidence that, while Cody Sales suffered from a mental illness, it did not impact his ability to know what he was doing was wrong and criminal. This included lying to the police, denying entry, covering up and moving the victim, and moving the murder weapon.

The jury found Cody Sales guilty of 3 counts of First-Degree Murder and 1 count of Aggravated Cruelty to Animal. Additionally, they found Cody Sales to be mentally ill at the time of the murder. This finding will not relieve Cody Sales of criminal responsibility and his prison sentence. It will require the Illinois Department of Corrections to provide the mental health services needed to Cody Sales while he serves his prison sentence. Cody Sales will be sentenced in late January of 2026. Cody Sales faces 20-60 years in prison for the murder charges.

Weis commented that this case is another example of the dangers of untreated mental illnesses and the horrific consequences for the lack of resources available at the state level to treat these individuals. The family of Nancy Sales will forever have to endure the pain of losing a loved one.

The case was prosecuted by State's Attorney Weis and Felony Assistant State's Attorney Ryan Phelps. Cody Sales was represented by the Public Defender's Office.