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CONVICTED MURDERER SALES SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS FOR MURDER OF HIS MOTHER & DOG

Kendall County State's Attorney Eric Weis announced that Cody Sales of Plattville, Illinois, was sentenced to 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections yesterday after a contested sentencing hearing. Sales received 29 years on the charge of First-Degree Murder and an additional 1 year on the charge of Aggravated Animal Cruelty. Each sentence to be served consecutively to one another. Sales will be required to serve 100% of his time on the First-Degree Murder charge under Illinois law.

Judge Jody Gleason sentenced Sales after hearing all of the evidence during trial, victim impact statements from the grieving relatives of Nancy Sales, and arguments from the prosecution and the defense. Both sides acknowledged the roll that Sale's mental illness played in the horrific crime that was committed, echoing the jury's finding that Sales was guilty but mentally ill. Sales will be required to receive mental health treatment while incarcerated based on this finding.

Sales was previously found guilty after a three-day jury trial back in November of 2025. The trial revealed that Sales had murdered his mother with a hammer in their home. Additionally, he also killed the family dog. Sales had admitted to law enforcement that he had killed his mother, but the defense raised the issue of insanity during trial. The jury found that Sales was not insane at the time he killed his mother but did suffer from a mental illness. The finding allows for mental health treatment while he serves his prison sentence.

During sentencing, prosecutors urged the Court to consider the risk that Sales posed to the public based on his appalling actions towards his mother, the person closest to him, and his mental illness. Evidence was presented that Sales had refused mental health treatment previously as well as refused medication during previous treatment. After evaluating all the evidence, the Court concluded that a total 30-year sentence was appropriate given the factors in aggravation and mitigation that must be considered under Illinois law.

Weis hopes that this sentence and the conclusion of the case can give some semblance of justice to the victim's family. A family that was torn apart by the abhorrent actions of Sales. Actions that resulted in the loss of a mother, a sister, an aunt, and a grandmother.

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.