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RE: Roosevelt Brackens Sentenced to 64 Years Prison

Roosevelt Lee Brackens, DOB: 02-04-59, of Aurora, appeared today in the Jefferson County District Court and was sentenced to 64 years in prison for the death of Becky Darden on September 18, 2003. Becky and Brackens worked for American Airlines and had been friends for almost ten years. Their relationship had become intimate. Today at sentencing, District Attorney Scott Storey described the escalating cycle of violence in their relationship that set the stage in her violent death. For many reasons Becky had told her friends that she was trying to end her relationship with him. He had become very suspicious, jealous and more and more controlling. Becky agreed to meet Brackens on the morning of September 18 off of Highway 93, north of 64th. He shot her ten times in the face and upper body, then went to a pay phone and called police and told them what he had done.

The courtroom was filled with 50-60 members of Becky's family and friends, many of whom who told the court about Becky, a loving mother, daughter, sister and friend. Family members also said that "their compassion also goes out to the Brackens family who are also victims of this horrible crime and said that they pray that anyone who is a victim of domestic violence seek help immediately." There were also many members of Bracken's family present at the sentencing who also expressed their extreme grief and sadness for Becky's family as well as their own.

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