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## **MAN ADMITS STABBING ROOMMATE TO DEATH Charleston, SC – June 6, 2011**

Tommy Montgomery (DOB 12/27/80) plead Guilty But Mentally Ill to Murder today when his case was called for trial. Montgomery faced a potential sentence of 3 year to life in prison. According to doctors, Montgomery suffered from depression and post traumatic stress disorder as a result of his being a child and witnessing his father stab and kill his mother and repeated childhood sexual abuse from an uncle. Judge Roger Young imposed a 30 year sentence. Montgomery will serve the full sentence in the South Carolina Department of Corrections and will receive psychiatric treatment while in prison.

According to Assistant Solicitors Burns Wetmore and Spencer Compton who prosecuted the case, the victim, Brandon Jamison, was the music director at the church that Montgomery attended. In the summer of 2009, Montgomery needed a place to stay, and Jamison allowed Montgomery to live in his apartment.

On the night of 12/7/09, Montgomery became enraged and attacked Jamison, stabbing him to death. An autopsy revealed that Jamison was stabbed 92 times about the body, to include several defensive wounds to the hands and 26 wounds to the back. After the stabbing, Montgomery stole Jamison's vehicle and fled the scene.

Montgomery turned himself in at the North Charleston Police Department the next morning and confessed to killing Jamison.

Assistant Solicitor Wetmore stated "This was a completely senseless and particularly gruesome Murder. Montgomery lashed out at someone who had been kind to him. I hope that the victim's family will have some peace now that this matter has been resolved."

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