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CARMEN G. STONEMARK, DE SOTO, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR SOLICITATION TO COMMIT MURDER AND CONCEALMENT OF A HOMICIDAL DEATH

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney announced today that on July 12, 2019, Carmen G. Stonemark, age 55, of DeSoto, Illinois, entered a plea of guilty to the charges of Solicitation to Commit Murder and Concealment of a Homicidal Death.

The court sentenced the defendant to serve a total of twenty (20) years, seventeen (17) for Solicitation to Commit Murder and three (3) for Concealment of a Homicidal Death, in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The defendant will have to serve 85% of her 17-year sentence and 50% of her 3-year sentence. After her release, she will also be required to serve a total of four (4) years of mandatory supervised release. She was ordered to begin serving her sentence immediately.

The defendant solicited James Deese, her lover, to kill her husband Frank Stonemark and then assisted him in disposing of his body by hiding it in a remote area of Jackson County and then dismembering the body with a chain saw and burning the remains. In an effort to conceal her activity, she falsely reported to police that she had been in an argument with her husband and that he got mad and left home.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, the Illinois State Police Forensic Science lab and the DeSoto Police Department. State's Attorney Michael Carr handled the prosecution of this case.