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### **Suspect Charged for 2009 Robbery of Jayson Jewelers**

The Cape Girardeau Police Department announced today that charges were filed for the 2009 robbery of Jayson Jewelers. Charged with the robbery was:

*Kevin D. Stitt age 41yrs unknown address*

Stitt is currently incarcerated in Nashville Tennessee for a probation violation. On Wednesday September 23, 2009 an employee at Jayson Jewelers reported that a black male and black female had entered the store pretending to look for wedding rings. A third black male then entered holding a handgun. The employee was handcuffed and had duct tape put over her eyes and wrists. After the subjects left the employee was able to call 911.

DNA evidence from the handcuffs was collected and submitted into the Federal Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). The Cape Girardeau Police Department was recently notified that DNA taken from Kevin Stitt matched that taken from the handcuffs in the robbery. A detective from the Cape Girardeau Police Department went to Nashville and interviewed Stitt. Based on the DNA evidence and the interview a warrant was obtained for Stitt for Robbery in the first degree and armed criminal action. The bond was set at \$75,000 cash only. Stitt is still in custody in Nashville, Tennessee. When he is released there he will be transported to the Cape Girardeau County Sheriff's Office.

