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Dear Media Professionals,

After almost 3 hours of deliberations, a jury found Charles Michael Covey guilty of deliberate homicide. Mr. Covey will be sentenced at a later date.

This case involved the murder of one of our local homeless citizens, Lee Roy Nelson. Mr. Nelson was found brutally murdered shortly before 1 pm on November 20th, 2020.

This case investigation was led by Detective Guy Baker and involved all of the resources the Missoula Police Department had to offer. This includes the patrol division, additional detectives, and the crime scene investigators.

This case was successfully prosecuted due to a lot of hard work by Deputy County Attorney Mac Bloom and Deputy County Attorney Kaitlyn Creighton.