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**WICHITA, KAN.** – A man was sentenced to 361 months in prison for two cases including the 2020 murder of a Wichita man. On Thursday, District Judge David Kaufman sentenced Jeremy Shuflat, 39 of Wichita, to 285 months on one count of murder in the second degree and 61 months on one count of kidnapping for the killing of Zackary Tilson, 28. The sentences will run consecutive to each other and to 15 months in prison on an unrelated theft case.

The homicide occurred on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Sedgwick County. Deputies with the Sedgwick County Sheriff responding to a truck broken down on a bridge near Valley Center discovered Tilson's body lying under the bridge. The coroner determined Tilson died from multiple stab wounds. The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office was able to locate multiple surveillance videos of Shuflat near the scene. Video recovered from a trailer home in Wichita recorded Tilson leaving with Shuflat the night before the body was discovered. Shuflat could also be seen on that video placing a knife in his pocket. Deputies later located a knife near a gas station in Valley Center along with video from the station that recorded Shuflat in the area the knife was found. Testing on the knife indicated the presence of blood and contained DNA matching both Tilson and Shuflat. Clothing recovered from a home belonging to a relative of Shuflat's also contained blood evidence. Shuflat pled guilty in September as part of a plea agreement that dismissed one additional case.

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