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WICHITA, KAN. –Today, the Kansas Supreme Court upheld the first degree murder conviction of Scott Roeder for the May 31, 2009 shooting death of Dr. George Tiller. Consistent with the United States Supreme Court’s Alleyne decision, which was decided after the Roeder trial, the “Hard 50 “ sentence was vacated. Meaning, unless a new sentencing hearing is sought by my office, Scott Roeder faces a life sentence with parole eligibility after 25 years rather than 50, on the murder count alone.

In September of 2013, a special session of the Kansas legislature passed the Hard 50 “fix” which would allow this office to seek the Hard 50 sentence again before a new jury. When the case is remanded back to Sedgwick County District Court, this office anticipates seeking a new Hard 50 sentencing hearing.

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