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### **Babbitt man pleads guilty to murder**

A Babbitt man pleaded guilty today to the intentional second-degree murder of his mother's boyfriend, St. Louis County Attorney Mark Rubin said.

Shawn Russel Doherty entered the plea in State District Court in Virginia. Doherty admitted that he killed 55-year-old Paul Bulen of Mahtomedi, Minn., at the defendant's mother's Babbitt home on Jan. 13 of last year.

The cause of death was determined to be asphyxia due to manual strangulation.

Under terms of the plea agreement, Doherty, 26, would serve just over a 27-year prison sentence (325 months.)

The case was prosecuted by Assistant St. Louis County Attorney Michelle Anderson. Judge Gary Pagliaccetti scheduled sentencing for May 7.

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