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### **Guilty plea leads to just, swift resolution of Virginia murder case**

A Virginia man pleaded guilty today to second-degree murder, just 2 ½ months after he beat a man to death who had considered him a friend.

Michael Henry Richard Daufelt, 39, entered the guilty plea to the crime he was charged with in State District Court in Virginia. He admitted that he unintentionally caused the death of David M. Super while committing first-degree assault.

The victim's body was found in a Virginia apartment on May 6 after police and paramedics were called to the scene on a report of a man not breathing. An autopsy revealed that he died from multiple blunt force trauma. A witness told police that she wanted to get the victim help during the beating, but he kept telling her no because Daufelt was his best friend.

Judge Gary Pagliaccetti directed Arrowhead Regional Corrections to investigate Daufelt's background before sentencing on Aug. 31. That investigation will determine the defendant's guideline prison sentence.

In exchange for the guilty plea, the state didn't convene a grand jury in an attempt to seek a first-degree murder indictment. The case was prosecuted by Assistant St. Louis County Attorney Michelle Anderson.

"On behalf of St. Louis County Attorney Mark Rubin, I would like to thank former St. Louis County Medical Examiner Dr. Thomas Uncini and his staff, the Virginia Police Department and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for their thorough investigation into the death of David Super," Anderson said. "Without their efforts, this just and swift resolution would not have been possible. On behalf of the investigative team and the county attorney's office, we offer our sincere condolences to David Super's family and friends who are enduring his tragic and unnecessary loss of life."