



OFFICE OF THE SAINT LOUIS COUNTY ATTORNEY

MARK S. RUBIN COUNTY ATTORNEY

NEWS RELEASE

August 31, 2015

CONTACT: Mark Stodghill, County Attorney's Office
St. Louis County Courthouse
Duluth, MN 218-726-2035

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Virginia man gets maximum sentence for murder

A Virginia man who pleaded guilty to unintentional second-degree murder for beating a man to death who had considered him a friend was sentenced Monday in State District Court to 16½ years in prison, the maximum guideline term, St. Louis County Attorney Mark Rubin said.

Michael Henry Richard Daufelt, 39, pleaded guilty in July to the crime he was charged with. He admitted that he caused the death of David M. Super while committing first-degree assault.

"The victim's family exercised extreme grace and dignity under the circumstances of this unconscionable act of the defendant," said Assistant St. Louis County Attorney Michelle Anderson, who prosecuted the case. "Judge (Gary) Pagliaccetti sentenced the defendant to 198 months, which was requested by the state and was the maximum sentence allowable under the guidelines."

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 not to because Daufelt was his best friend.