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Roberts Pleads Guilty in Wife's Shooting Death

On Monday, May 2, 2011, James Arnold Roberts, 30, of Somes Bar, pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the December 18, 2010 shooting of his wife, Breonna Lynn Roberts. Mr. Roberts also pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm and no contest to two counts of assault with a deadly weapon.

Roberts is scheduled to be sentenced on June 20, 2011 by Superior Court Judge, W. Bruce Watson and faces a maximum of 4 years 8 months in state prison.

On December 18, 2010 in Orleans, Roberts fatally shot his wife during an altercation with local youth the Roberts suspected of stealing their vehicle. No one else was injured in the incident.

"This was a terrible tragedy for everyone involved," noted Humboldt County District Attorney Paul Gallegos. "A tragedy that could have been avoided if Mr. Roberts had chosen not to take the law into his own hands."

This case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Jeremiah Ross.