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### **BELLEVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 40 YEARS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY MURDER**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY** – On March 26, 2024, 45-year-old Kevin Loucks from Belleville, IL was sentenced to 40 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. A Jury found Loucks guilty of First-Degree Murder (Class M Felony) on October 25, 2023.

The sentencing comes after an exhaustive investigation by the Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 7 into the murder of 44-year-old Montez Pearson. On July 19, 2023, Pearson was located deceased near Lunte Creek Road in Washington County. Loucks was taken into custody on July 23, 2023 after a search warrant was executed at his residence in Belleville, IL.

The ISP was assisted during the investigation by the Washington County Sheriff's Office, the Belleville Police Department, and the case was prosecuted by Washington County State's Attorney Daniel Janowski.



Kevin Loucks (M/45)

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