

Special Prosecutor Assigned For 3rd Murder Trial In Woodworth Case
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Another prosecutor has been appointed for the anticipated third murder trial for 39 year old Mark Woodworth of Chillicothe.



A Platte County Judge has accepted the request from Livingston county prosecutor Adam Warren and he has been relieved from assignment on the case. Judge Owens Lee Hull Junior has appointed a lawyer at Liberty, Donald Norris, as the special prosecutor. On line court information still shows a jury trial in Platte County Circuit Court at PlatteCity beginning July 21st.

Judge Hull granted Norris the responsibility, powers, and duties of a prosecuting attorney as permitted by law. Norris also is to receive what the court order calls "a reasonable fee". Media sources say Donald Norris is in private practice at Liberty; but is a retired Clay county judge. Norris also was an elected prosecuting attorney for six years.

Woodworth's two previous convictions in the 1990 shooting death of Cathy Robertson have been overturned on appeal. When Judge Hull removed the Attorney's General's office from prosecution, he assigned the case to Livingston County Prosecutor Adam Warren. Warren later asked to be removed after Robertson family members told him they were concerned about his ability to be impartial.