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A 34-year old rural Galt man, Patrick Courtney, has been charged in Grundy County with first degree murder in the death of 32-year old Christopher Molloy of Galt, by shooting him after deliberation. Courtney is being held in the Grundy County Detention Center without bond. He is to appear Tuesday in Associate Division of Grundy County Circuit Court.

Molloy was found dead at his residence on Thursday afternoon, with Courtney taken into custody at the scene. Grundy County Sheriff Rodney Herring said Courtney was in a physical altercation with Molloy at Malloy's residence, in which he is accused of hitting Molloy on the top of his head with a blunt object, then driving to his residence in rural Galt.

There, Courtney is accused of retrieving a 22-caliber revolver. Sheriff Herring said Courtney was accompanied by Stephanie Miller en route to his residence. The Sheriff went on to say that after Courtney deliberated on the matter, he returned to Molloy's residence and shot him multiple times with the revolver.

The probable cause affidavit says Molloy was hit in the left side of the head, the right side of the torso, and in both arms and in the back. The affidavits said Courtney drove to Doug's Hy-Klas Market in Galt and told Charles Smiley that he had just shot and killed Christopher Molloy. The defendant then returned to Molloy's residence and waited for authorities to arrive. Sheriff Herring said, upon his arrival, the defendant walked towards him and told the Sheriff that he had shot and killed Molloy.

Authorities said Molloy shared the residence at 200 North Main Street in Galt with 37-year old Stephanie Miller. She was taken into custody on Thursday on a felony warrant accusing her with the reported theft of a credit card.