

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOONE COUNTY, MISSOURI

STATE OF MISSOURI,

vs.

JOSEPH DUANE ELLEDGE

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) Case No. 19BA-CR04782  
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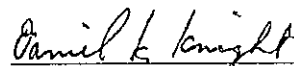
**OBJECTION TO AND DENIAL OF REASONS FOR  
DEFENDANT'S APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF VENUE**

COMES NOW, the State of Missouri, by and through, Daniel K. Knight, Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Boone, and states as follows:

1. The Defendant was arraigned on November 26, 2019 and entered an initial plea of not guilty.
2. Missouri Supreme Court Rule 32.04 requires that an application for change of venue must be filed no later than ten days after the initial plea is entered.
3. Defendant's Application for Change of Venue seeking a change of venue under Rule 32.04 was not filed until January 10, 2020 and was therefore untimely.
4. Further, the State denies that the inhabitants of Boone County are prejudiced against the Defendant or that the State has an undue influence over the inhabitants of the Boone County.

WHEREFORE, the State respectfully requests that the Court deny the Defendant's Application for Change of Venue.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Daniel K. Knight  
Prosecuting Attorney