

# Darby murder trial involves AG

The Missouri Attorney General's office will be assisting Camden County in the prosecution of the Trudy Darby murder Case. Darby, a former Hickory County resident, was abducted near Macks Creek in 1991. Her body was found in Hickory County.

Attorney General Jay Nixon said his office will assist in prosecuting Marvin Chaney, 34, and Jess Rush, 20, who are charged with the murder of Darby.

The Camden County Prosecuting Attorney requested assistance with the case. The attorney general's office often provides assistance to rural counties with murder cases.

The Darby case has the complexity of having the alleged crimes taking place in Camden, Hickory and Dallas counties. The state can provide investigators to look for information in the multiple counties with the various law enforcement agencies.

Chaney and Rush were arraigned in Camden County Associate Court in June. Tim McQueen testified that the pair had detailed their crime in a jailhouse confession. McQueen has been convicted of the second-degree murder of his wife and sentenced to 15 years in jail.

McQueen admitted to pushing his wife off the cliff at Hia Ha Tonka State Park in October of

1993.

At the arraignment Waylan Darby testified that his mother was working alone at the store on the evening she disappeared. She called him about 10 p.m. January 19, 1991, describing a strange man outside the store and asked Waylan to come over.

When Waylan arrived minutes later, he found the store wide open and no sign of his mother other than her purse and jacket.

Darby's nude body was recovered from the Little Niangua River in Hickory County two days later.

Rush's trial is scheduled for January 1996 and Chaney's trial is scheduled for March 1996.