State of Missouri vs. Eric Lawson

Case# 1222-CR02611-01

Circuit Court of the city of ST Louis 22nd Judicial Circuit

April 23, 2019

Judge Michael Noble

Synopsis:

The defense challenged the admissibility of the firearms evidence under the Daubert standard. The court found that the expert’s testimony satisfied the Daubert factors of testability, peer review/publication, controlling standards, error rate, and acceptance. Furthermore, the court opined that the science of firearm and toolmark identification has been the subject of many publications, despite claims made in PCAST and the NAS report. The court denied the defendant’s request to exclude, limit, or restrict testimony as related to the firearm and toolmark identification.