

## **HENRY DANIELS**

Henry Daniels was convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to 25 years in prison by the Circuit Court of Jackson County for charges arising from the death of his girlfriend, Linda Smith. The evidence against Mr. Daniels was totally circumstantial. Kent represented Mr. Daniels on his direct appeal and successfully challenged the use of questionable scientific evidence by the state to convict him. In 2005, the Missouri Court of Appeals reversed Mr. Daniels' conviction and ordered a new trial based upon the prosecution's use of junk science involving luminal testing to secure his conviction. *State v. Daniels*, 179 S.W.3d 273 (Mo. App. W.D. 2005). On retrial, with this evidence properly excluded, a Jackson County jury acquitted Mr. Daniels and he was immediately released from custody.