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SIU Associate Professor Charged with Battery of a Student

Alan J. Weston, 54, of Marion, Illinois, was charged with Battery in an Information filed today in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Illinois, the State's Attorney for Jackson County, Michael C. Carr, announced today. The charge of Battery is a Class A Misdemeanor, which carries with it a possible penalty of up to one (1) year in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

The information alleges that on April 23, 2015, Weston made physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with one of his students by pushing the student. The Southern Illinois University Police investigated the incident and provided a report to the Jackson County State's Attorney's Office to review for charges. Weston is to appear in court for a first appearance on May 15, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

The Information is merely a charge and is not proof of a crime. The defendant is presumed to be innocent of the charge until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case is assigned to Assistant State's Attorney Penny J. Pierson for prosecution.