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MURPHYSBORO MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON

FOR METHAMPHETAMINE CHARGES

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that on May 13, 2015, a Carbondale man was convicted of two counts of methamphetamine related charges and was sentenced to prison.

Charles M. Schott, 25, of Murphysboro, Illinois, was convicted in Jackson County Circuit Court to the charges of Participation in Methamphetamine Manufacturing, a Class 1 Felony, and Methamphetamine Related Child Endangerment, a Class 2 Felony, following a bench trial.

He was sentenced to serve ten (10) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections on the charge of Participation in Methamphetamine Manufacturing, and seven (7) years for the charge of Methamphetamine Related Child Endangerment. The sentences will run concurrently, and he must serve at least 75 % of his prison sentence, receive drug treatment, and serve a three (3) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release upon his release from the Department of Corrections.

The charges arise from an incident occurring on November 6, 2014, in which officers from the Jackson County Sheriff's Office conducted a state-authorized search warrant at a residence at 390 McDowell Road in Murphysboro. During the execution of the warrant, Schott, along with five other individuals, including the defendant's minor child, were located inside a camping trailer on the property of the residence. The search revealed two active "one pot" methamphetamine labs, along with numerous items used in the manufacturing of methamphetamine. The Illinois State Police Methamphetamine Response Team was contacted to remove and mitigate the active methamphetamine cooks. Interviews of the occupants of the trailer verified that the methamphetamine had been consumed and manufactured while the child was present in the trailer. The Department of Children and Family Services were contacted.

This investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. Assistant State's Attorney Mark Hamrock prosecuted this case.