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### JURY RETURNS GUILTY VERDICTS ON THREE FELONY AND TWO MISDEMEANOR CHARGES

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Jermaine L. Hall was found guilty of Aggravated Battery to a Southern Illinois University Police Officer, Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with the Intent to Deliver on School Grounds, Unlawful Possession of Cannabis, and two counts of Resisting a Police Officer following a jury trial that concluded on Tuesday, June 2, 2015. Claiming to be a foreign state and not subject to prosecution, a claim rejected by the Court, the defendant refused to participate or attend his trial.

The evidence showed that Southern Illinois University Police found Jermaine Hall, 20, of Chicago, Illinois, parked in a no parking zone on the campus of Southern Illinois University. When an officer approached the vehicle to advise Hall that he could not park in that location, the officer smelled the odor of cannabis coming from the vehicle. Other Southern Illinois University officers arrived to assist, and when Hall was asked to exit the vehicle he did so, but he pulled away from an officer and attempted to run. When an officer stopped him from running, Hall struck the officer in the face and attempted to run again. Hall then struggled with three officers before he was handcuffed. When Hall was searched incident to arrest, officers found cannabis, a large amount of United States currency, and a scale used to weigh cannabis. A search of the vehicle Hall was in revealed over 30 grams of individually packaged cannabis in varying amounts.

After the jury returned its verdict, the judge revoked Hall's bond on this case and remanded him to the custody of the sheriff to await sentencing. Sentencing has been set for August 5, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. Aggravated Battery of a Police Officer is a Class 2 Felony, which is punishable by three to seven years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with the Intent to Deliver on School Grounds, is a Class 2 Felony, punishable by three to seven years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, Unlawful Possession of Cannabis of more than 30 grams, but less than 500 grams, is a Class 3 Felony, punishable by two to five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, and the two counts of Resisting a Police Officer are both Class A Misdemeanors, punishable by up to one year in jail.

The investigation was conducted by the Southern Illinois University Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Penny J. Pierson was responsible for the prosecution of this case.

