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MURPHYSBORO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO AGGRAVATED UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON BY A FELON

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Keith Butcher, 40, a resident of Murphysboro, Ill., pled guilty to Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon.

On September 13, 2015, the Murphysboro Police Department responded to the 700 block of North 7th Street in Murphysboro, in regards to a report of an individual refusing to leave a residence and was in possession of a knife. When officers arrived, they located the defendant, Keith Butcher, seated on the front steps of the residence. The officers approached Mr. Butcher and asked him if he needed a ride. The officers then began to conduct a weapons check on Mr. Butcher, at which time Mr. Butcher handed the officers a "switchblade" knife. Mr. Butcher has three (3) prior felony convictions in the State of Illinois.

On September 14, 2015, the Jackson County State's Attorney's Office charged the defendant with Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon, a Class 3 Felony. The defendant was eligible to receive up to 2 to 10 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, but he was not eligible to receive probation. On November 16, 2015, the defendant pled guilty to the charge, and will serve 2 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections with 1 year of mandatory supervised release.

The investigation was conducted by the Murphysboro Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Patrick Brewster was responsible for the prosecution of this case.