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MURPHYSBORO MAN CHARGED WITH CLASS X AGGRAVATED BATTERY

A Murphysboro resident was charged on February 19, 2015, in an Information filed in the Circuit Court of Jackson County with Aggravated Battery, a Class X Felony; and Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, a Class 1 Felony; the States Attorney for Jackson County, Michael C. Carr, announced today.

Lamarcus Lamonte Spillers, 19, of Murphysboro, Illinois, was arrested February 18, 2015, by the Murphysboro Police Department. At his first appearance today, bond was set at \$500,000. Spillers is in custody of the Jackson County Sheriff. He is scheduled to appear next for a preliminary hearing on Friday, March 13, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in Jackson County Circuit Court.

The Aggravated Battery and Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm charges allege that the defendant discharged a firearm in the direction of Thomas Watson, and that Watson was shot by Spillers in the arm and chest. The offense occurred at 300 N. 7th Street in Murphysboro. The victim was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Murphysboro and transferred to a hospital in St. Louis.

A Class X Felony carries a maximum penalty of 6-30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, and a defendant is not eligible for probation. A Class 1 Felony carries a maximum penalty of 4-15 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Under the law, a defendant is presumed to be innocent of a charge until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of a jury.

The investigation was conducted by the Murphysboro Police Department and the Jackson County Sheriff's Department

The case is assigned to Assistant States Attorney Mark Hamrock for prosecution.