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### DE SOTO MAN SENTENCED ON CANNABIS CHARGES

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Nicholas V. Rudolph, 38, of De Soto, IL, plead guilty on April 1, 2015, to charges of Cannabis Trafficking. Investigation conducted by the Southern Illinois Enforcement Group indicated that Nicholas Rudolph had made arrangements with an individual in California to ship packages through the mail to Nicholas Rudolph's De Soto residence.

On November 14, 2014, agents were alerted by United States Postal Inspectors that a package was ready for delivery to the defendant's residence. A search warrant was granted by a judge. The package was delivered and then the search warrant was executed. Inside the package was just over 10 pounds of cannabis. The defendant admitted his involvement in arranging to transport cannabis into Illinois from California. He indicated he had done so on several occasions over the past two years.

The defendant was sentenced to 8 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. This is a day for day sentence which means that he will be eligible to get one day off of his sentence for each day he completes in prison without incident. He received 136 days credit for time previously served in the Jackson County Jail. Upon his release from the Department of Corrections he will be subject to a two year Mandatory Supervised Release period.

This case was investigated by the Southern Illinois Enforcement Group and the United States Postal Service. This case was prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorney Mark Hamrock.