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MURPHYSBORO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO **AGGRAVATED DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Murphysboro resident plead guilty to Aggravated Driving Under the Influence.

Richard Dennany, 43, of Murphysboro, Illinois, pled guilty to Aggravated Driving Under the Influence, a Class 4 Felony, on May 28, 2015. On October 28, 2014, the Murphysboro Police Department responded to the Jackson County Courthouse in regards to a drunk pizza delivery man. The police were unable to locate the individual at the courthouse, but a short time later located him back at a pizza business located in Murphysboro. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle, and the driver of the vehicle was identified as the defendant, Richard Dennany. The defendant had a strong odor of alcohol and admitted to drinking prior to coming in to work. The defendant then provided a breathalyzer test, which indicated he had a blood alcohol content of .224. A review of the defendant's criminal record indicated that he had four prior convictions for Driving Under the Influence out of Michigan and Kansas.

On January 23, 2015, the Jackson County State's Attorney's Office charged the defendant with Aggravated Driving Under the Influence, a Class 1 Felony. The defendant remained out on bond. On May 6, 2015, the Carbondale Police Department responded to the area of Route 13 and Reed Station Road in regards to an intoxicated driver. The officers located the vehicle traveling westbound on Route 13 near Giant City Road. The officers observed the vehicle swerve into the left hand lane, and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle was identified as the defendant. Again, the defendant smelled of alcohol and admitted to taking prescription medicine. The defendant had an open container of Vodka in the vehicle and another unopened bottle in the floorboard. Officers took the defendant into custody, but the defendant refused all testing.

On May 7, 2015, the defendant was charged with another count of Aggravated Driving Under the Influence, a Class 1 Felony. On May 28, 2015, the defendant pled guilty to one count of Aggravated Driving Under the Influence, a Class 4 Felony. The defendant was sentenced to one (1) year in the Illinois Department of Corrections on the Murphysboro offense, and the other offense was dismissed as part of the plea.

The investigations were conducted by the Murphysboro and Carbondale Police Departments. Assistant State's Attorney Patrick Brewster was responsible for the prosecution of this case.