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CARTERVILLE MAN CONVICTED OF ATTEMPTED RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY AND BURGLARY

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Carterville resident, who is originally from the Lake County, Illinois area, was convicted of Attempted Residential Burglary and Burglary, following a jury trial.

Ronald E. Kelley, Jr., 48, was convicted of Attempted Residential Burglary and Burglary, both Class 2 Felonies, following a jury trial which was held on Monday, April 6, 2015 and Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

On August 31, 2014, officers with the Murphysboro Police Department were dispatched to a residence on South 9th Street in Murphysboro for the report of an automobile burglary. The vehicle owners indicated that an unknown male, who was later identified as the defendant, was observed rummaging around within their vehicle. The owner then followed the defendant from the scene until the defendant cut through a yard.

While officers were responding to this call, they received another dispatch. This dispatch indicated that a male, matching the description given by the first victim, had attempted to enter a residence on South Street in Murphysboro. The victim indicated that she heard a noise coming from her bathroom window. When she went to investigate that noise, she observed an individual she would later identify as the defendant halfway in her bathroom window. When she confronted the defendant, he dropped out of her window and fled from the scene.

Officers noted that both victims gave the same description of the suspect. Officers then expanded their search for the suspect. Within a few minutes of both calls, officers located the defendant, who matched the description given by the victims, walking down Shomaker Drive, which was a short distance from the original calls. Upon a search of the defendant's person, officers located property identified as being stolen from another victim in the area, who lived on South 15th Street.

Sentencing has been set for June 24, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. The defendant's bond was revoked following the convictions and he was remanded to the custody of the Jackson County Sheriff.

This investigation was conducted by the Murphysboro Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Casey Bloodworth was responsible for the prosecution of this case.