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MURPHYSBORO MAN CONVICTED OF RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A Jackson County Jury returned a guilty verdict against a Murphysboro man on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, one count of Residential Burglary for an incident which occurred in Murphysboro on May 11, 2015, the States Attorney for Jackson County, Michael C. Carr, announced today.

Vincent T. Branch, 51, of Murphysboro, Illinois, was convicted of Residential Burglary, a Class One Felony, by a jury and faces a minimum sentence of four (4) years and a potential maximum sentence of fifteen (15) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. If the Court finds that the defendant is eligible for extended term sentencing, he faces not less than fifteen (15) years and not more than thirty (30) years. A sentencing date has not been set at this time.

The evidence established that at approximately 10:30 p.m. on May 11, 2015, a Murphysboro resident heard a loud noise outside and looked out of the window of his residence to investigate. He observed a black male standing in front of his neighbor's house. The male was looking up and down the street. He then proceeded to enter the front door of a residence located at the intersection of North 11th and Hanson Streets and carry what was later determined to be a television out of the residence and place it in the yard. The reporting neighbor called the Murphysboro Police Department who responded immediately. As the police were enroute, the neighbor stayed on the phone with dispatch and advised of the male's actions until police arrived. When police arrived, the male was observed exiting the home and taken into custody.

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