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ROBIN L. LITTLE, MURPHYSBORO, CHARGED WITH INTIMIDATION AND RESISTING A PEACE OFFICER

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Robin Leon Little, age 48, Murphysboro, Illinois, has been charged with Intimidation and Resisting a Peace Officer as a result from an incident which occurred at the Republican Committee Office in Murphysboro on October 17, 2016.

Intimidation is a Class three (3) felony and carries a potential sentence of two (2) to ten (10) years imprisonment, or up to four (4) years of probation. Resisting a Peace Officer is a Class A Misdemeanor, which carries a mandatory minimum of 48 consecutive hours of imprisonment or not less than 100 hours of public service work.

Little was taken into custody on October 17, 2016, and is currently incarcerated at the Jackson County Jail with bond set at \$20,000. A preliminary hearing is scheduled on November 3, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.

The allegations for Intimidation are that the defendant, with the intent to cause another to omit the performance of an act, being the operation of business, communicated to the victim a threat to perform without lawful authority, a felony, being arson, in that the defendant indicated to the victim that he would burn items located inside the Republican Committee Office, located at 1332 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois.

The allegations for Resisting a Peace Officer are that the defendant knowingly resisted the performance of a peace officer of an authorized act within his official capacity, being the arrest of the defendant, knowing him to be a peace officer engaged in the execution of his official duties, in that the defendant attempted to run from the officer and then struggled and fought with the officer.

An Information is merely a charge and not evidence. 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 is being pursued by the Murphysboro Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Casey E.A. Bloodworth is handling the prosecution.

*A prosecutor has the responsibility of a minister of justice and not simply that of an advocate. This responsibility carries with it specific obligations to see that the defendant is accorded procedural justice and that guilt is decided upon the basis of sufficient evidence. Except for statements that are necessary to inform the public of the nature and extent of the prosecutor's action and that serve a legitimate law enforcement purpose, by Supreme Court Rule, the State's Attorney is not allowed to make statements about pending cases or investigations which would pose a serious and imminent threat to the fairness of the proceeding. **Rule 3.8 Special Responsibilities of a Prosecutor.** For a list of certain subjects which have been determined to pose such a threat to the fairness of the proceedings and for a list of subjects which do not, please see **Rule 3.6 Trial Publicity.** For any press release involving a case which has not yet been tried, please note that: **a defendant is presumed to be innocent of a charge until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of the jury.***