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JUSTICE N.S. WEBB & ALYSSA R. WALKER, MARION, CHARGED WITH PROMOTING JUVENILE PROSTITUTION

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that two Marion, Illinois, women have been charged in Jackson County with promoting juvenile prostitution. Justice N.S. Webb and Alyssa R. Walker, both age 19, are charged with two counts of Promoting Juvenile Prostitution resulting from incidents occurring in Carbondale in November 2015.

Promoting Juvenile Prostitution is a Class one (1) felony and carries a potential sentence of four (4) to fifteen (15) years imprisonment, or up to four (4) years of probation. Both defendants are in custody at the Jackson County Jail with bond set at \$500,000 each. A preliminary hearing is scheduled on November 3, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.

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 Carbondale 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.***