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**JUWAN K. JACKSON, MURPHYSBORO,
APPREHENDED ON CHARGES OF AGGRAVATED BATTERY WITH A FIREARM,
ARMED VIOLENCE, AND UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CANNABIS
WITH INTENT TO DELIVER**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Juwan K. Jackson, age 26, Murphysboro, Illinois, has been apprehended on a warrant for Aggravated Battery with a Firearm, Armed Violence, and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with the Intent to Deliver in connection with a shooting incident which occurred in Murphysboro during the early morning hours of October 24, 2016.

The charge of Aggravated Battery with a Firearm, a Class X Felony, alleges that Juwan Jackson, while acting together and in concert with others, knowingly caused great bodily harm to another person, in that he knowingly discharged a firearm and shot that person in the head. The charge of Armed Violence, also a Class X Felony, alleges that while the defendant was in the act of committing a felony, Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with the Intent to Deliver, knowingly discharged a firearm that proximately caused great bodily harm to another. A Class X Felony carries a sentence of mandatory imprisonment of not less than 25 years to life.

Jackson is also charged with Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with the Intent to Deliver in that he knowingly possessed with the intent to deliver more than 30 grams, but less than 500 grams, of a substance containing cannabis, a Class 3 Felony, which carries a potential sentence of two (2) to five (5) years of imprisonment. Jackson was apprehended in Decatur, Illinois, on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, following a search involving the Murphysboro Police Department, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Marshal's Service and the Macon County Sheriff's Office. Jackson's bond is set at one million dollars. He is in the custody of the Jackson County Sheriff and is scheduled to appear on Thursday, November 3, 2016, at 1:00 p.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 of this case is ongoing and being pursued by the Murphysboro Police Department, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, and the Illinois State Police. Jackson County State's Attorney Michael C. Carr and Assistant State's Attorney Casey E.A. Bloodworth are 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.***