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### **JUWAN K. JACKSON, MURPHYSBORO, INDICTED FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Grand Jury has returned an Indictment charging Juwan K. Jackson, age 26, Murphysboro, Illinois, with two counts of First Degree Murder, and one count of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, in connection with a shooting incident which occurred in Murphysboro during the early morning hours of October 24, 2016.

The charges of First Degree Murder allege that Juwan Jackson, while acting together and in concert with others, killed another without lawful justification, in that, in performing the acts which caused the death of another person, and with the intent to kill or do great bodily harm to that person, Jackson shot the victim with a firearm, thereby causing the death of another. First Degree Murder carries a sentence of imprisonment for 20 to 60 years, followed by three (3) years of Mandatory Supervised Release.

Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, a Class 1 Felony, alleges that Juwan Jackson, while acting together and in concert with others, knowingly discharged a firearm in the direction of another person. Upon conviction, a Class 1 Felony carries a sentence of four (4) to fifteen (15) years in Department of Corrections.

*An Indictment 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.*

Jackson is currently being held in the Jackson County Jail with bond set at \$1,000,000. He is scheduled to be arraigned on December 1, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.

The investigation is being pursued by the Murphysboro Police Department, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, and the Illinois State Police. 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.***