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## **LAUREN L. STINDE, CARBONDALE, PLEADS GUILTY TO FIRST DEGREE MURDER**

### **TIESHA D. ANDERSON, COLLINSVILLE & ROBERT J. DENNIS, CARBONDALE, CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE MURDER**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Lauren L. Stinde, 23, of Carbondale, Illinois, pled guilty to the charge of First Degree Murder on November 21, 2016, for her involvement in the murder of Robin L. Stief. A sentencing hearing has been scheduled for February 1, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. First Degree Murder carries a sentencing range of not less than 20 years, and not more than 60 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

On August 30, 2016, officers and detectives began an investigation when the burned remains of a human being were discovered in a wooded area in the 900 block of East Main Street, Carbondale, Illinois. During the investigation, detectives discovered that the victim had recently associated with the defendant, Lauren Stinde.

On October 28, 2016, officers with the Carbondale Police Department arrested Lauren Stinde for her involvement in the concealment of the victim's remains in the 900 block of East Main Street. After her arrest, Lauren Stinde confessed to detectives about her role in the murder of the victim, and her role in the concealment of the victim's body.

Michael C. Carr also announced today that First Degree Murder charges were filed against Tiesha D. Anderson and Robert J. Dennis. The three count Information filed today in Jackson County Circuit Court charges each defendant with two counts of First Degree Murder and one count of Concealment of a Homicidal Death.

*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 on-going and is being conducted by the Carbondale Police Department and the Illinois State Police Crime Scene Services. Assistant State's Attorney Casey E. A. Bloodworth is responsible for the prosecution of this case.

*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.***