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KENTARO MISUDA, MURPHYSBORO, INDICTED FOR CUSTODIAL SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

A Grand Jury in Jackson County returned an Indictment charging Kentaro Misuda, 37, of Murphysboro, with Custodial Sexual Misconduct on May 10, 2017, Michael C. Carr, announced today.

The charge resulted from a report alleging that on or about April 6 or 7, 2017, Misuda engaged in sexual penetration with a person who was in custody of the Jackson County Jail, at a time when Misuda was an employee of the jail.

If convicted of Custodial Sexual Conduct, a Class 3 Felony, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of two to five years in the penitentiary.

The defendant was arrested on May 10, 2017, by the Illinois State police on a Jackson County warrant and posted bond which was set at \$30,000. He is no longer employed as a jailer at the Jackson County Jail.

A defendant is presumed to be innocent of a charge until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of a jury.

This case is being investigated by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office and the Illinois State Police. State's Attorney Michael C. Carr and Assistant State's Attorney Rebecca Blomer 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.***

