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### **REBECCA B. VALENTINE, CARBONDALE, INDICTED ON FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGES**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Rebecca B. Valentine, age 42, of Carbondale, Illinois, was indicted by a Grand Jury in Jackson County of First Degree Murder regarding the death of Reginal Glispie on November 23, 2017, in Carbondale.

In the early morning hours of November 23, 2017, Carbondale Police officers responded to an emergency phone call from a female requesting emergency services for a person who was bleeding massively inside a Carbondale apartment. Upon arrival, officers located Reginal Glispie, age 55, lying unresponsive inside the apartment with a stab wound to his chest. Mr. Glispie was taken to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale where he was later pronounced dead.

Valentine is currently in custody at the Jackson County Jail with bond at \$1,000,000. An arraignment is scheduled for December 12, 2017, at 12:45 p.m.

If convicted, the defendant faces twenty (20) to sixty (60) years of imprisonment with three (3) years of Mandatory Supervised Release.

*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.*

The investigation is being pursued by the Carbondale Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Rebecca Blomer 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.***