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JUSTIN R. BAGLEY, ELKVILLE, CHARGED FOR BOMB THREATS

An Information was filed in Jackson County Circuit Court this morning charging an Elkhville, Illinois, man for his involvement in making false bomb threats to various people and entities located in Taber, Alberta, Canada, the States Attorney for Jackson County, Michael C. Carr, announced today.

Justin R. Bagley, 36, was charged with 11 separate Disorderly Conduct counts of making false bomb threats. The Information alleges that the threats were made between February 7 and February 9, 2019, to a department store, a bank, a health center and schools located in Taber, which is in Alberta, Canada. Bagley is scheduled to make a first appearance in Jackson County Circuit Court on those charges this afternoon at 1:30 p.m, Monday, February 9, 2019. He has been in the custody of the Jackson County Sheriff in Murphysboro, Illinois, since February 9, 2019.

Bagley faces 2-5 years' imprisonment on each of the eleven counts if convicted. The offenses are probationable.

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.

*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.***

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. State's Attorney Michael Carr is handling the prosecution.