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MARQUASHION D. WILSON, CARBONDALE, INDICTED FOR MURDER

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that, Marquashion D. Wilson, age 20, of Carbondale, Illinois, was indicted by a Grand Jury in Jackson County, Illinois, on January 9, 2020, in relation to a shooting which resulted in the death of Montavious "Bobo" Graham, age 17, also of Carbondale.

The indictment alleges that Marquashion D. Wilson, also known as "Vito," committed the offense of armed robbery with a Firearm by taking a cell phone by force from the person of another on January 1, 2020. In a second count, he is charged with acting in concert with Montavious "Bobo" Graham in the commission of another armed robbery with a firearm involving another victim by taking a cell phone, \$30 in cash, and a pack of cigarettes by force. Each armed robbery charge carries a potential sentence of 6 to 30 years in prison. Because a gun was used, an additional minimum of 15 years must be added to each sentence. In addition, Wilson is charged with acting in concert with Montavious "Bobo" Graham to commit the offense of home invasion on the same day at a rural Jackson County residence where Graham was shot. That offense alleges that, while armed with a firearm, the two entered the residence with one or more persons present and threatened the imminent use of force. Home invasion is a Class X offense and carries the same penalty as armed robbery. The defendant is also charged with two counts of first-degree murder. It is alleged that the defendant and Montavious "Bobo" Graham were acting in concert and responsible for each other's conduct when they committed the offense of home invasion, an inherently violent crime, and that those actions set in motion a chain of events which led to the death of Montavious "Bobo" Graham. First-degree murder carries a potential sentence of 20 to 60 years imprisonment and is not probationable.

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 defendant was arraigned on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, and has pleaded not guilty. Bond was set at \$1,000,000. His next court appearance is a case management hearing on February 24, 2020.

This case is being investigated by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, the Carbondale Police Department, and the Illinois State Police Forensic Science Lab and is ongoing. State's Attorney Michael C. Carr 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.***