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PRESS RELEASE

Edwardsville—Madison County State's Attorney Tom Gibbons filed murder charges today in connection with yesterday's homicide in Granite City.

Officers with the Granite City Police Department responded to 2815 Harding on July 10, 2014 at approximately 3:30 a.m. after receiving a call about a deceased person at that residence. They found Woodrow Dilday (d.o.b. 8/14/31) lying on the floor with visible head injuries. He was pronounced dead at the scene a short time later by the Madison County Coroner's Office.

Officers took Diane S. Kelly (d.o.b. 3/22/60) into custody at the scene. Woodrow Dilday was Kelly's father. The investigation has shown that Kelly hit her father in the head multiple times with a bludgeon following an exchange between the two of them. Dilday's wife, Kelly's mother, was in the home at the time. She was not injured.

Kelly is facing two counts of First Degree Murder. If convicted, she faces 20-60 years in prison. She remains in custody at the Granite City Police Department and is expected to be taken to the Madison County Jail in Edwardsville later today. She is being held without bond.

"Elder abuse comes in many forms and unfortunately, it can often end tragically as it has in this instance," said State's Attorney Gibbons. "I want to express my sympathy to the family of Woodrow Dilday. It's heartbreaking to have to deal with the violent death of a loved one and even more so when it comes at the hands of another family member." Gibbons also thanked the Granite City Police Department and Coroner's Office for their work.

This charge, as well as the statements made herein, is based upon probable cause. The defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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