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PRESS RELEASE

Edwardsville—Madison County State's Attorney Tom Gibbons filed murder charges today against a 17-year-old Lovejoy male in connection to a deadly shooting in Madison last week.

Craig D. Miller (d.o.b. 6/6/97) was charged with First Degree Murder this afternoon following a shooting at a local market in Madison that left 16-year-old Malik A. Garrett (d.o.b. 5/5/98) dead.

Police officers from several jurisdictions responded to multiple 911 calls from Sammy's Market, located at 308 Madison Ave. at approximately 5:15 p.m. on Friday, July 11, 2014. Garrett, who was found lying on the ground, had been shot three times and was still alive when police arrived. He was transported to Gateway Regional Medical Center where he died about an hour later from gunshot wounds to the chest and abdomen. Garrett was from Venice.

Based on evidence from the scene and several witnesses, police officers identified and located Miller later that evening. The investigation revealed that there had been an ongoing dispute between the defendant and the victim. Miller arrived at the scene and fired into a crowd that included Garrett and three other males. Garrett was the only one who was hit.

Miller is charged with two counts of First Degree Murder and one count of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (Class 1 Felony). Maximum penalty for Murder is 20-60 years in prison and 4-15 years maximum on the Class 1. Although Miller is a juvenile, he is being charged as an adult. He is in custody at the Madison County Juvenile Detention Center in Edwardsville where he is being held without bond.

State's Attorney Gibbons offered his condolences to the family of Garrett. He also thanked the Coroner's Office and numerous police departments including Madison, Brooklyn, Venice, Sheriff's Department, Granite City and ISP for responding to the scene and assisting with apprehending the suspect shortly after the shooting. "It is certainly tragic when a young man is murdered in such a violent manner. The swift arrest by our local law enforcement shows that this type of senseless violence in our neighborhoods will be not be tolerated."

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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