



OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

157 North Main Street
Suite 402
Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

Thomas D. Gibbons
State's Attorney

Voice: 618 692-6280
Facsimile: 618 296-7001

Contact: Stephanie Smith
618/692-6280

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 30, 2012

PRESS RELEASE

Edwardsville—A Madison County Grand Jury issued an indictment today against a Caseyville man for his role in the drug overdose death of Gail R. Trexler earlier this year.

Brian Petty (d.o.b. 12/11/78) was charged with one count of Drug Induced Homicide for delivering heroin to Trexler (d.o.b. 5/3/63) who was found at her apartment on Anthony Drive in Maryville on January 1, 2012. She was deceased as the result of a heroin overdose.

Following an investigation by police officers from Maryville and the Illinois State Police, it was determined that not only had Petty supplied heroin to Trexler, but he also is accused of personally injecting her.

Drug Induced Homicide is a Class X Felony and has a maximum penalty of 6-30 years in prison. Bond for Petty was set at \$150,000 and he will be held at the Madison County Jail in Edwardsville once taken into custody.

Last year, State's Attorney Tom Gibbons joined with U.S. Attorney Stephen Wigginton on a new federal and local initiative to combat the growing heroin problem in the Metro-East. The initiative involves a team of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, coroners and prosecutors pooling their efforts and resources to prosecute individuals responsible for distributing illegal drugs that result in death or great bodily harm. Gibbons commended the police officers on their investigation into Trexler's death. "One of the main goals of our initiative was to treat drug overdoses as potential crime scenes. Because of their thorough investigation, they were able to determine that Petty injected Trexler with the heroin that caused her death. This allowed us to go forward with our criminal case."

These charges, as well as the statements made herein, are based upon probable cause. The defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

###