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PRESS RELEASE

Edwardsville— Madison County State's Attorney Tom Gibbons filed charges this morning against a Bridgeview, Illinois man in connection with a weekend stabbing case in Glen Carbon.

Grant W. Connor (d.o.b. 8/8/85) has been charged with attempted murder and home invasion following his attack on a local couple. Police were called to a home on Kinder Place in Glen Carbon at approximately 1:20 p.m. on Sunday, October 6, 2013. Connor is alleged to have knocked on the door of the home using the pretense of a broken down car. The male resident, 35, of the home offered the use of a phone, however, Connor physically charged him and began stabbing him with a knife. The male resident was able to also grab a knife and stabbed the defendant in the throat. While the incident was occurring, one female resident, 33, tried to help defend the male victim. She was also stabbed. While the struggle was occurring, another female resident called 911. The victims were treated and released at an area hospital.

Detectives have determined that this was a random act of violence and that Connor did not know his victims. At this time, it appears to be a case of mistaken identity and that Connor's original target may have been someone with a similar name. Connor's motivation and actions remain under investigation.

Connor was charged with two counts of Attempt 1st Degree Murder and two counts of Home Invasion which are all Class X felonies. Maximum penalty for a Class X Felony is 6-30 years in prison. Connor remains hospitalized. Once he is released from the hospital, he will be taken to the Madison County Jail in Edwardsville where he will be held on a bond of \$1,100,000 bond.

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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