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## PRESS RELEASE

Madison County State's Attorney Tom Gibbons filed murder charges today against an East St. Louis man in the death of Jarrett D. Mosby who was found shot to death in Madison, IL last week.

Swope, 24, is facing First Degree Murder charges for shooting Mosby, 21, seven times with a 9 mm handgun on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Police in Madison were called to 2<sup>nd</sup> and Bissell at 12:44 p.m. where they found Mosby's body inside his car. Mosby, a resident of Collinsville, was pronounced dead at the scene. The Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis was activated shortly thereafter to assist with the investigation into Mosby's murder.

The investigation, led by members of the Major Case Squad, eventually determined that Swope and the victim, who were acquaintances, agreed to meet in Madison during the early morning hours of December 23<sup>rd</sup>. At this time, investigators believe that the incident may have been drug-related with Swope seeking to purchase marijuana from the victim. The defendant was picked up by Mosby in his car and the two men eventually got into an argument. The argument escalated near 10<sup>th</sup> and State Street and turned deadly with Swope firing his gun at Mosby. Police allege that Swope then moved the car from where he shot Mosby to where it was eventually found by police later that day.

Swope, who was on federal probation for gun charges, is currently in custody at the St. Clair County Jail in Belleville. He will be brought to the Madison County Jail in Edwardsville where he will be held on a \$500,000 bond. Maximum penalty for First Degree Murder is 20-60 years in prison. If convicted, Swope and will be required to serve 100% of his sentence.

State's Attorney Gibbons commended the work of the officers with Major Case Squad and the Madison Police Department for their work in solving this crime. Gibbons offered his condolences to the victim's family and hopes that the arrest of Swope helps them begin the healing process. "My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Jarrett Mosby who are unfortunately having to deal with the violent murder of a young man who had his whole life ahead of him."

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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