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PRESS RELEASE

Edwardsville— State's Attorney Tom Gibbons filed charges today in a 2014 murder case out of Venice. Three men from Cahokia are facing charges in connection with the shooting death of Calvin L. Tally who was shot in his Venice home in the 1200 block of Oriole Street on December 29, 2014.

Officers from the Venice Police Department responded to a 911 call shortly after 10:30 p.m. and found Tally, 41, deceased from a single gunshot wound to the chest/stomach area. Two witnesses in the home, a 21-year-old female relative of Tally and a 23-year-old male acquaintance, had called 911 reporting that two masked gunmen had kicked in Tally's door and forced him upstairs by gunpoint before shooting him and fleeing the residence with currency and marijuana belonging to Tally. The two witnesses were not harmed. It is unknown whether or not the victim, or the witnesses, knew the gunmen.

Lamarcus D. Jackson (d.o.b. 12/31/86) and Byron J. Holton (d.o.b. 8/30/88) are both charged with three counts of First Degree Murder (Class M felony), one count of Home Invasion (Class X felony), one count of Armed Robbery (Class X felony) and one count of Unlawful Possession of Weapons by a Felon (Class 2 felony). Both men have previous convictions for Residential Burglary in St. Clair County, Illinois. Undray C. Webb Jr. (d.o.b. 5/19/89), was charged with one count of Home Invasion (Class X felony) as the investigation revealed that while he was present at the scene, he was not with Jackson and Holton when Tally was shot.

The investigation was led by the Illinois State Police who oversaw the investigation into the case at the request of the Venice Police Department. An investigation into other crimes committed by the defendants led officers to evidence that linked the men to Tally's murder that eventually led to today's charges.

"I'm satisfied that we were able to file charges today in a previously unsolved murder case," said State's Attorney Tom Gibbons. "Cooperation between multiple law enforcement agencies was crucial in solving this murder, and now my office can begin working towards a resolution that ends with a lengthy prison sentence for these violent men and, hopefully, justice and closure for the victim's loved ones." He thanked his prosecutors, police officers and the coroner's office for their ongoing work on the investigation.

Maximum penalty for a murder conviction is 20-60 years in prison in which the defendant is required to serve 100% of his sentence. Maximum penalty for a Class X felony is 6-30 years and 3-7 years for a Class 2 felony. Jackson and Holton are also potentially eligible for an additional 25-year sentence for using a gun in the murder.

Associate Judge Neil Schroeder set bond for Jackson and Holton at \$1,000,000 and \$500,000 for Webb. The men currently are in federal custody for Hobbs' Act Violations.

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

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