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## PRESS RELEASE

**Edwardsville**—Madison County State's Attorney Tom Gibbons filed charges today against a Granite City man who was shot by a police officer following a violent family confrontation over the weekend.

Thomas E. Noser (d.o.b. 5/11/62) was charged this afternoon with two counts of Attempt 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder (Class X Felony), one count of Aggravated Assault (Class 4 Felony) and two counts of Aggravated Domestic Battery (Class 2 Felony).

Granite City Police officers responded to a home at 2444 Delmar Saturday afternoon following a report of an injured woman. The victim, the 76-year-old mother of Noser, had suffered injuries after being beaten with a baseball bat. She suffered injuries to her head. Noser also attacked another family member, a 38-year-old male with the same bat. He suffered injuries to his head and body. The victims indicate that Noser was extremely agitated prior to the incident. The 9-year-old son of the male victim was unharmed.

The initial investigation has shown that when officers confronted Noser, who was armed with a knife, he repeatedly refused to drop his weapon as ordered by the officers and subsequently charged at an officer before being shot twice by police. All parties, who reside at the home on Delmar, are hospitalized at area hospitals and expected to survive.

Per general protocol, the Illinois State Police is investigating the officer-involved shooting.

Maximum penalty for a Class X Felony is 6-30 years in prison; 3-7 years maximum on the Class 2 Felony and 1-3 years maximum on the Class 4 Felony. Circuit Judge James Hackett set Noser's bond at \$500,000. Once released from the hospital, Noser will be transported to the Madison County Jail in Edwardsville.

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

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