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## PRESS RELEASE

*Edwardsville*— Madison County State's Attorney Tom Gibbons announced that New Douglas resident Travis S. King (d.o.b. 9/14/88) was charged today in connection with a fatal car accident that happened outside of Troy in October involving two women from Granite City.

On the morning of October 20, 2012, King rear-ended a pick-up truck driven by Vera Davis, 27. The accident occurred near the interchange of Interstates 270 and 55 near Troy. Davis' mother, Geraldine Davis, 62, was a passenger in the truck and was severely injured in the accident. She was pronounced dead at the scene. Vera Davis was taken to a hospital where she was treated and released.

Prosecutors filed the charges today after receiving the toxicology reports that showed King, who multiple witnesses reported was driving recklessly at the time, had a BAC of nearly twice the legal limit. State's Attorney Gibbons said his thoughts and prayers are with Vera Davis and the rest of Geraldine Davis' family. "It's a tragedy that this woman's life was taken as a result of the defendant's actions. My office will work to see that the family gets justice and a sense of closure."

King was charged with one count of Aggravated Driving with a Blood Alcohol Concentration of .08 or More Resulting in Death and one count of Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Resulting in Death. He was taken into custody and is being held at the Madison County Jail in Edwardsville. His bond is set at \$60,000. King faces a maximum penalty of 3-14 years in prison on each charge. 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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