



County of Jo Daviess

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Jo Daviess County State's Attorney, John D. Hay, would like to inform the public of the following information. On July 22, 2020, the Jo Daviess County State's Attorney's Office filed an information, a copy of the information is attached with this press release, charging David Van Winkle with three counts of First Degree Murder (special class felonies) and one count of Aggravated Battery with a Firearm (class X felony).

A warrant for the arrest of Mr. Van Winkle was issued with the information setting bond at \$1,000,000(10%). The warrant was served on July 22, 2020 and Mr. Van Winkle is currently in custody at the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office.

These charges stem from a physical confrontation that took place in rural Hanover, Illinois, between Mr. Van Winkle and Dana Clark on July 14, 2020. The charges allege that Mr. Van Winkle, without lawful justification, shot Mr. Clark in the chest with a handgun, thereby causing his death.

This incident was investigated by the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office with the assistance of the Illinois State Police, Jo Daviess County Coroner's Office and the Winnebago County Coroner's Office.

State's Attorney Hay would like to remind the public the criminal charges filed against Mr. Van Winkle are merely accusations and allegations, and are not evidence of guilt. Mr. Van Winkle is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law. Mr. Van Winkle is entitled to a fair trial at which the state of Illinois has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.