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CARLINVILLE- 8/20/2012 – Macoupin County State's Attorney Jennifer A. Watson announced today that Judge Patrick Londrigan accepted Cody R. McGuire's, 20 (DOB: 5/7/92), guilty plea on 1st degree murder and aggravated battery with a firearm in the 2011 shooting death of Willie Jason Walton which occurred in Gillespie, Macoupin County, Illinois. Judge Patrick Londrigan also accepted the guilty plea of co-defendant David P. McGuire, 20 (DOB: 5/7/92), on counts of 2nd degree murder and aggravated battery.

Under the plea, Cody R. McGuire was sentenced to 33 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for 1st degree murder. Illinois law requires all defendants convicted of 1st degree murder to serve 100% of the sentence. David P. McGuire received 17 years on 2nd degree murder. The sentencing range for second degree murder in Illinois is 4-20 years DOC.

"Jason Walton did not deserve to die that day by the hands of these two men," said State's Attorney Jennifer A. Watson, "but working with the family, law enforcement, and all those affected by his death, today's action allows some justice for his memory."