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Possession of Methamphetamine Manufacturing Materials Nets Mt. Olive Man a Five Year Prison Sentence.

CARLINVILLE - Macoupin County State's Attorney Jennifer A. Watson announced today that Judge Kenneth R. Deihl sentenced 29 year old Eric D. Parish to 5 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Parish entered a plea of guilty to unlawful possession of methamphetamine manufacturing materials and unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

The allegations stem from incidents that occurred at the 100 block of South Prange Street in Mt. Olive, Illinois. A structure fire investigation led Chief Ryan Dugger of Mt. Olive to find materials consistent with the production of methamphetamine. Further investigation led to Mr. Parish's arrest.

It was also ordered that Mr. Parish pay \$2500 to the Mt. Olive Police Department which was requested by State's Attorney Watson at the sentencing hearing held on October 30, 2014.

"Simply put, this is a prime example of how people who are determined to make methamphetamine endanger their communities," said State's Attorney Watson. "I am thankful no one was hurt due to Mr. Parish's criminal actions. I commend the Mt. Olive Police Department and the Illinois State Police Methamphetamine Response Team for their work investigating these matters."

Unlawful possession of methamphetamine manufacturing materials is a class 2 felony carrying a possible sentence of 3 to 7 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Judge Kenneth R. Deihl ordered Mr. Parish to report to the Macoupin County Jail on or before January 5, 2015, at 9:00am to begin serving his sentence.