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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**FILED**  
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF  
ILLINOIS,

vs.

WILLIS EDWARD BATES,  
Defendant.

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NO. 2009-CF-180

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
UNION COUNTY ILLINOIS

**INFORMATION**

**COUNT I**

**CLASS 1 FELONY**

In the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois, Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County State's Attorney, hereinafter called the complainant, on oath charges that on or about the 21st day of September, 2009, in Union County, Illinois, **WILLIS EDWARD BATES**, hereinafter called the defendant, committed the offense of:

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY**

in violation of SECTION 19-3 of ACT 5 of CHAPTER 720 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, in that the said defendant, knowingly and without authority, entered into the dwelling place of Joseph Musgrove, located at 316 E. Chestnut, Anna, Illinois County, Illinois, with the intent to commit therein a theft.

**COUNT II**

**CLASS 2 FELONY**

**(Non-Probationable - 3-14 Years)**

In the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois, Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County State's Attorney, hereinafter called the complainant, on oath charges that on or about the 21st day of September, 2009, in Union County, Illinois, **WILLIS EDWARD BATES**, hereinafter called the defendant, committed the offense of:

**UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF WEAPONS BY FELON**

in violation of SECTION 24-1.1(b) of ACT 5 of CHAPTER 720 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, in that the said defendant, a person who has been convicted of a felony under the laws

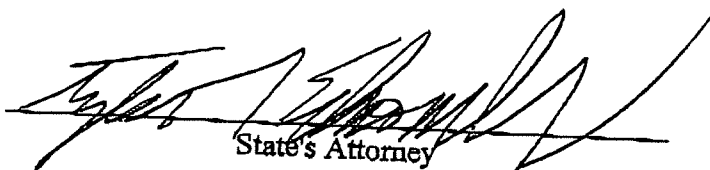
of the State of Illinois, knowingly possessed a Lorcin L22SB handgun, serial number B01184, after being convicted of Unlawful Possession of Weapons by Felon in Pope County case number 2003-CF-26.

**COUNT III**  
**CLASS 3 FELONY**

In the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois, Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County State's Attorney, hereinafter called the complainant, on oath charges that on or about the 21st day of September, 2009, in Union County, Illinois, **WILLIS EDWARD BATES**, hereinafter called the defendant, committed the offense of:

**THEFT**

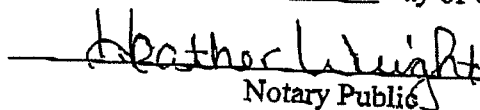
in violation of SECTION 16-1(a)(1)(A) of ACT 5 CHAPTER 720 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, in that the said defendant knowingly exerted unauthorized control over property of Joseph Musgrove, one Lorcin L22SB, having a total value in excess of \$300.00, intending to deprive Joseph Musgrove permanently of the use of the property.

  
State's Attorney

STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF UNION    )

The above-signed, on oath, says that the facts set forth in the foregoing information are true in substance and matter of fact.

Signed and sworn to before me this 5th day of October, 2009.

  
Notary Public



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF  
ILLINOIS,  
Plaintiff,

-vs-

WILLIS EDWARD BATES,  
Defendant.

NO. 2009-CF-179

WARRANT OF ARREST

TO ALL PEACE OFFICERS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS - GREETINGS:  
The Court, having reviewed the evidence to support the  
issuance of warrant by way of sworn testimony, and finding  
probable cause to issue said warrant,

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to arrest WILLIS EDWARD BATES, and  
bring said person without unnecessary delay before the Honorable  
Mark Boie, Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial  
Circuit, Union County, or any other judge acting in his stead, in  
the City of Jonesboro, to answer a charge made against said person  
for the offense(s) of **ATTEMPTED MURDER (4 COUNTS), BURGLARY AND  
THEFT (2 COUNTS)**, and hold said person to bail.

Defendant's Full Name: WILLIS EDWARD BATES  
Defendant's Last Known Address: 301B E. CHESTNUT  
ANNA, IL 62906  
Defendant's Date of Birth: 02/14/1964  
Sex/Race: MALE/WHITE  
Driver's License Number: N/A  
Social Security Number: [REDACTED] AND  
[REDACTED]

EXTRADITION

Nationwide \_\_\_\_\_ Adjoining States \_\_\_\_\_ Illinois Only  
 Surrounding counties \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

The amount of bail is \$1,000,000.<sup>00</sup> (total)

DATED: 10/5, 2009.

  
JUDGE

RETURN OF SERVICE

I have executed the within Warrant by arresting the within-  
named defendant.

Date Served \_\_\_\_\_

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Sheriff/Deputy  
Sheriff's Fees \_\_\_\_\_

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UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**INFORMATION**

**COUNT I**  
**CLASS X FELONY**

In the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois, Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County State's Attorney, hereinafter called the complainant, on oath charges that on or about the 28th day of September, 2009, in Union County, Illinois, WILLIS EDWARD BATES, hereinafter called the defendant, committed the offense of:

**ATTEMPTED MURDER**

in violation of SECTION 8-4(a) of ACT 5 of CHAPTER 720 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, with the intent to commit First Degree Murder, in violation of Section 9-1(a)(1) of Act 5 of Chapter 720 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, performed a substantial step towards the commission of that offense, in that he without lawful justification and with the intent to kill or do great bodily harm to Leona Mount, severely beat and repeatedly kicked the body and the head of Leona Mount.

**COUNT II**  
**CLASS X FELONY**

In the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois, Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County State's Attorney, hereinafter called the complainant, on oath charges that on or about the 28th day of September, 2009, in Union County, Illinois, WILLIS EDWARD BATES, hereinafter called the defendant, committed the offense of:

ATTEMPTED MURDER

in violation of SECTION 8-4(a) of ACT 5 of CHAPTER 720 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, with the intent to commit First Degree Murder, in violation of Section 9-1(a)(1) of Act 5 of Chapter 720 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, performed a substantial step towards the commission of that offense, in that he without lawful justification and with the intent to kill or do great bodily harm to Mary Shepard, severely beat and repeatedly kicked the body and the head of Mary Shepard.

COUNT III  
CLASS X FELONY

In the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois, Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County State's Attorney, hereinafter called the complainant, on oath charges that on or about the 28th day of September, 2009, in Union County, Illinois, **WILLIS EDWARD BATES**, hereinafter called the defendant, committed the offense of:

ATTEMPTED MURDER

in violation of SECTION 9-1(a)(2) of ACT 5 of CHAPTER 720 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, in that the said defendant, without lawful justification, in that he severely beat and kicked the body and head of Leona Mount, knowing said act would create a strong probability of death or great bodily harm to Leona Mount.

COUNT IV  
CLASS X FELONY

In the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois, Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County State's Attorney, hereinafter called the complainant, on oath charges that on or about the 28th day of September, 2009, in Union County, Illinois, **WILLIS EDWARD BATES**, hereinafter called the defendant, committed the offense of:

ATTEMPTED MURDER

in violation of SECTION 9-1(a)(2) of ACT 5 of CHAPTER 720 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, in that the said defendant, without lawful justification, in that he severely beat and kicked the body and head of Mary Shepard, knowing said act would create a strong probability of death or great bodily harm to Mary Shepard.

**COUNT V**  
**CLASS 1 FELONY**

In the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois, Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County State's Attorney, hereinafter called the complainant, on oath charges that on or about the 28th day of September, 2009, in Union County, Illinois, **WILLIS EDWARD BATES**, hereinafter called the defendant, committed the offense of:

**BURGLARY**

in violation of SECTION 19-1(a) of ACT 5 of CHAPTER 720 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, in that the said defendant, without authority, knowingly entered the First Baptist Church of Anna, a place of worship, located at 409 Morgan Street, Anna, Union County, Illinois, with the intent to commit therein a theft.

**COUNT VI**  
**CLASS 2 FELONY**

In the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois, Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County State's Attorney, hereinafter called the complainant, on oath charges that on or about the 28th day of September, 2009, in Union County, Illinois, **WILLIS EDWARD BATES**, hereinafter called the defendant, committed the offense of:

**THEFT**

in violation of SECTION 16-1 of ACT 5 CHAPTER 720 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, in that the said defendant, while in First Baptist Church of Anna, 409 Morgan Street, Anna, Union County, Illinois, a place of worship, knowingly obtained unauthorized control over property of Mary Shepard, from the person of Mary Shepard, being United States Currency, having a total value in excess less than \$300.00, intending to deprive Mary Shepard permanently of the use of the property

**COUNT VII**  
**CLASS 4 FELONY**

In the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois, Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County State's Attorney, hereinafter called the complainant, on oath charges that on or about the

28th day of September, 2009, in Union County, Illinois, **WILLIS EDWARD BATES**, hereinafter called the defendant, committed the offense of:

**THEFT**

in violation of SECTION 16-1 of ACT 5 CHAPTER 720 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, in that the said defendant, while in First Baptist Church of Anna, 409 Morgan Street, Anna, Union County, Illinois, a place of worship, knowingly obtained unauthorized control over property of First Baptist Church of Anna, being United States Currency, having a total value in excess less than \$300.00, intending to deprive First Baptist Church permanently of the use of the property.

*Tyler Edwards*  
State's Attorney

STATE OF ILLINOIS)  
) SS  
COUNTY OF UNION)

The above-signed, on oath, says that the facts set forth in the foregoing information are true in substance and matter of fact.

Signed and sworn to before me this 5th day of October, 2009.

*Heather Wright*  
Notary Public

