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On February 15, 2023, at approximately 3:27 AM, Macomb Police were dispatched to the 1200 block of E. Carroll St. for a domestic violence call for service. Family members fled the house after they believed their dog was harmed by Timothy L. Smith (male, 39 years of age), the father and husband of the family members. Family members relayed that Smith had been harming the family dog, threatening the family members with a knife, and, at one point, grabbed and pushed family members around the house. It is alleged Smith had kept the family members under his control and restrained their movements, for several hours. The family members and family pet are currently in a safe location.

After police surrounded the house, Smith was eventually coaxed from the house and submitted to arrest, without incident. Smith was charged with 2 Counts of Unlawful Restraint, 2 Counts Aggravated Assault, 2 Counts Domestic Battery, and 1 Count Cruel Treatment to Animal.

All subjects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. This remains an active investigation and there is no active threat to the Macomb community or surrounding communities.

The Macomb Police Department would like to thank our partners, the Illinois State Police, McDonough County States Attorney's Office, McDonough County Sheriff's Office, Life Guard Ambulance, and the Western Illinois University Police Department for their professional assistance during this call.

We ask that the community respect the privacy of the family during this difficult time.

***The Macomb Police Department tirelessly strives to serve our community with equity, transparency, inclusivity, fairness, dignity, and respect. We investigate all matters thoroughly and in an unbiased manner. We value the safety and security of our community members and various stakeholders in our city. At the heart of every public contact is the dedication of every officer. Together we can accomplish everything.***