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## **Haine announces charges against defendant accused of shooting 12 people**

**Edwardsville, IL** — Madison County State's Attorney Tom Haine announced Tuesday that multiple charges have been filed against an East St. Louis man accused of shooting 12 individuals at a club in Venice.

All 12 victims survived the shooting, which happened early Nov. 24 at a club in the 1400 block of Broadway.

The defendant, Delvarrion D. Harris, 30, is charged with 12 counts of Aggravated Battery with a Firearm (class X felony) and one count of Possession of Weapon by a Felon (class 3 felony). The charges allege that he discharged a firearm, striking the 12 victims, and that he possessed a .40-caliber handgun after having been convicted of a felony.

Some of the victims suffered injuries that required treatment at hospitals.

The charges were filed Dec. 20 but remained under seal until Tuesday, after Harris was taken into custody. Harris was being held Tuesday at the St. Clair County Jail, pending transfer to the Madison County Jail.

Haine's office has filed a Petition to Deny Pretrial Release, arguing the defendant should remain in custody while awaiting trial because he poses a threat to others.

Haine commended Venice Police Department and other agencies that assisted in the investigation and apprehension of the defendant, including Illinois State Police, ISP Division of Forensic Services and U.S. Marshals Service.

"This investigation required significant resources," Haine said. "Law enforcement agencies in Madison County, along with the residents of this county, are committed to keeping our communities safe and free of violence."

*This charge and the statements made herein are based upon probable cause. The defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.*