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MCT OFFERING $5,000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF TRAIL ASSAILANT

GRANITE CITY, ILL., JULY 1, 2014… Madison County Transit (MCT) is offering a $5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the man who attacked an individual on the MCT Nature Trail last Tuesday, June 24, 2014. According to a statement from Edwardsville Chief of Police Jay Keeven, the “suspect is described as a black male, 16-20 years of age, approximately 6’00” 160 lbs.” The suspect has a thin build and short black hair. (A composite sketch prepared by the Illinois State Police is attached.) Anyone with information on this subject is urged to contact Detective Jake Germann with the Edwardsville Police Department at 618-656-2131 or the Tip Line at 618-692-7552 if they wish to remain anonymous.

At approximately 2:15 p.m. last Tuesday, an 18-year old woman was lured off the trail by the suspect, claiming that a friend needed help. She was grabbed and pulled to the ground, but managed to escape without serious injury or the need for medical treatment.

“The MCT Trails have allowed families and individuals to enjoy the outdoors in a safe and peaceful manner. We do not want an incident such as this to change the public’s perception or use of these beautiful linear parks.” said MCT Managing Director Jerry Kane. “We are hopeful that this reward will assist the local authorities, including the Edwardsville Police Department and the Madison County Sheriff’s Office in arresting this individual as quickly as possible.”

MCT owns and maintains more than 125 miles of scenic bikeways in Madison County, Ill., known as the MCT Trails. For details about the MCT Trails or any of MCT’s services, call (618) 797-4636, visit www.mct.org or e-mail info@mct.org.

Madison County Transit (MCT) provides multi-modal transportation services for Madison County, Illinois. MCT operates a fixed-route bus service, connecting to MetroLink; express weekday commuter service directly to and from downtown St. Louis; and seasonal express service to the Rams games and the Muny. For elderly and disabled residents who are unable to use the fixed-route buses, MCT provides complementary door to door service. MCT is also responsible for the construction and maintenance of more than 100 miles of bikeways that comprise the MCT Trails system, as well as overseeing RideFinders, the St. Louis region’s FREE carpooling and vanpooling program.

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