



# **Three Charged With Weapon-Related Felonies, More In Madison County**

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EDWARDSVILLE - Three individuals have been charged with weapon-related felonies and other charges in recent months, according to Madison County court documents.

Lateef S. Hobbs, 52, of Alton, was charged with unlawful possession of weapons by a felon and driving on a license that had been suspended on Jan. 27, 2024.

In a case presented by the Alton Police Department, Hobbs allegedly possessed a stun gun after previously being convicted of aggravated battery in Madison County in 1997, according to court documents. He also reportedly drove a vehicle on State Street in Alton at a time when his license had been revoked.

Hobbs faces a Class 3 felony for unlawful possession of weapons by a felon and a Class A misdemeanor for driving on a suspended license. Court documents indicate he was released upon his signature of a Conditions of Pretrial Release Order.

Rashod L. Wesley, 20, of Belleville, was charged with aggravated unlawful use of weapons on Dec. 29, 2023. Court documents state Wesley carried a Taurus G3c 9mm pistol in a vehicle while under the age of 21, the legal minimum age to possess handguns in Illinois.

Wesley faces a Class 4 felony for the weapons charge in the case presented by the Granite City Police Department. Court documents indicate he was released upon his signature of a Conditions of Pretrial Release Order.

John Robert Nowlin, 29, of East Alton, was charged with unlawful possession of weapons by a felon and unlawful possession of methamphetamine on Nov. 24, 2023. According to court documents, Nowlin allegedly possessed a set of metal knuckles, his second or subsequent such offense, after having previously been convicted of unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon in 2022 in Madison County.

Nowlin faces a Class 2 felony for weapon possession and a Class 3 felony for meth possession in his latest case, presented by the East Alton Police Department. Court documents indicate he was released upon his signature of a Conditions of Pretrial Release Order.

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