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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Lake County Sheriff's Warrants Team Apprehends Man Wanted in Marengo Child Abduction**

On May 12, 2020, the Lake County Sheriff's Warrants Team apprehended a Chicago man who had just committed a child abduction in Marengo.

At approximately 6:30AM, Marengo Police Department issued a regional police broadcast informing area police agencies that Dvino E. Thomas, 34, of the 5500 block of South Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, just abducted a child in Marengo. Thomas is currently on mandatory supervised released from the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Members of the Sheriff's Warrants Team were familiar with Thomas, as they had previously arrested him. Sheriff's Warrants Deputies contacted Marengo Police Officers and learned Thomas had been visiting with a two-year-old child, who he is possibly the father of, but does not have parental right to. Thomas was supposed to bring the toddler back to the child's mother, but when he arrived in the 1000 block of Briden Drive, Marengo, the two began to argue. Instead of returning the toddler to her mother, Thomas took the toddler and fled the scene in his vehicle. The mother of the child called 911 to report the incident.

Sheriff's Warrants Deputies were familiar with previous areas Thomas frequented in Lake County and began searching for him. At approximately 11:00AM, they located Thomas' vehicle in the area of Grass Lake Road and Sunset Drive in Unincorporated Antioch. Thomas likely recognized the Warrants Deputies' vehicles because he quickly left Grass Lake Road and turned onto a residential street while increasing his speeds. Warrants Deputies were able to successfully surround and stop Thomas' vehicle in the area of Monaville Road and Avon Drive, Unincorporated Lake Villa. He was taken into custody and the toddler was located safe inside the vehicle.

The toddler was turned over to a relative. Thomas was transported to the McHenry County Jail where he was subsequently charged by Marengo Police and the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office with Child Abduction.

Thomas remains held in the McHenry County Jail pending an initial court hearing.

All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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