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### **CHARGES FILED AGAINST A MAPLEWOOD POLICE OFFICER**

Washington County Attorney Doug Johnson announced today that his office has charged Maplewood Police Officer Jason Patrick Marino (DOB 04/02/75) in a five count complaint. The charges include: Count I – Kidnapping; Count II – False Imprisonment; Count III – Terroristic Threats; Count IV – Misconduct of Public Officer or Employee; Count V – Assault in the Fifth Degree.

The charges stem from an incident on April 28, 2006, at approximately 1:30 a.m. when Marino allegedly handcuffed a 21 year old man, placed him in his squad car, threatened to assault him, drove him into Washington County. While in the back of the squad car, the man was able to call 911 on his cell phone and tell the dispatcher what was happening to him. When Marino heard the man talking to someone, he stopped the squad car, let the man out of the car, un-handcuffed him, and left him alone on Washington County Road 12. A Washington County deputy was dispatched to the area and found that the man had been picked up by another car and left at the intersection of Highway 36 and Manning Avenue.

“The victim was terrorized by the actions of Marino. He believed that he was going to be seriously assaulted and left by the side of the road. The behavior of Marino is something that you see on fictional television shows, but in 33 years of prosecuting I have never seen this type of police behavior actually happen,” Johnson said. “The Maplewood Police Department has a good reputation and the actions of one officer should not detract from that.”

A copy of the complaint is attached.

For further information, please contact Doug Johnson at the Washington County Attorney’s Office, 651-430-6115.