



# Macomb County Sheriff's Office

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### **MEDIA CRIME REPORT**

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### **Macomb Township Man Arrested for Desecrating Graves**

On Wednesday, 09-02-15 at approximately 6:23pm, a Macomb County sheriff deputy was dispatched to the cemetery behind Immanuel Lutheran Church, located at 21 Mile Road & Romeo Plank in Macomb Township. According to the caller, a vandal was toppling over gravestones in the cemetery there.

A caller/witness provided the Sheriff Dispatcher with a description of the subject and, when the deputy arrived he observed the suspect standing alongside a business across-the-street from the cemetery.

Upon seeing the deputy, the man fled into a wooded area with the deputy in pursuit, on foot. Other deputies arrived to assist, and a foot search was commenced. Deputies captured the man and a "conducted electrical weapon" had to be used to subdue the subject.

The man was handcuffed behind his back and placed into the rear of a patrol vehicle. He continued to struggle and resist arrest and he subsequently kicked a window out of the patrol vehicle. The man was re-secured in a different patrol vehicle and he was brought to the Macomb County Jail.

Other deputies interviewed the witnesses who said that they were in the parking lot of the Immanuel Lutheran Church and they watched as the subject pushed over headstones in the cemetery located behind the church.

The manager of the church arrived and along with sheriff deputies they assessed the damage to the cemetery. Twenty-six headstones had been toppled over and/or damaged. The arrestee was brought to the Macomb County Jail where he was lodged on charges of Malicious Destruction of Property.

On 09-03-15, Tyler Jay Bryant, 22 years of age and from Macomb Township was charged with:

- Count #1: Malicious Destruction of Police Property (4 year felony)
- Count #2: Police Officer – Assaulting/Resisting/Obstructing (2 year felony)
- Count #3: Malicious Destruction of Tombs and Memorials (1 year felony)

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Bryant was video was video-arraigned in the 41A District Court of Shelby Township. He was given and \$85,000 cash-or-surety bond and he is due back in Court on 09-10-2105.

Note: Bryant also had two outstanding warrants for Home Invasion 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree arising from other incident occurring in Macomb Township.

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