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ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, acting pursuant to delegated authority for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, today approved the application by South Central Bancorp, Inc., Kinmundy, Illinois, to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the outstanding voting shares of The First National Bank of Kinmundy, Kinmundy, Illinois.

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