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ANTHONY ROPER, CHICAGO, SENTENCED TO ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Chicago resident, Anthony R. Roper, age 32, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections upon pleading guilty to the charge of Possession of Controlled Substances.

On June 19, 2015, officers of the Carbondale Police Drug Task Force and Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) officers were at the Amtrak station in Carbondale for the purpose of arresting an individual on an outstanding warrant. During that process, they located a duffle bag which had been left unattended. No one claimed ownership of that bag, and the officers were requested to take possession of the bag by Amtrak officials. A search of the bag yielded approximately 250 grams of powder cocaine. A Carbondale officer had been present in his squad car with the in-car video running at the time of the occurrence. In that video, the defendant was seen walking up the ramp in which the bag was recovered with the duffle bag over his shoulder. When he exited the ramp, he no longer had the bag in his possession. Officers subsequently arrested the defendant, Anthony Roper. In a post-Miranda interview, the defendant admitted ownership of the bag and acknowledged that the bag contained cocaine which the defendant brought to Carbondale for the purpose of delivering it to another individual.

He was sentenced to serve 10 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by a period of three years of Mandatory Supervised Release. He is required to serve 75% of the sentence.

The investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department and the DEA. Assistant State's Attorney Mark Hamrock was responsible for the prosecution of this case.