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FLORIDA MAN SENTENCED TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR AGGRAVATED DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Panama City Beach, Florida resident, Brian Kramer, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections, following a plea of guilty. Kramer was sentenced on Monday, February 23, 2015, to 18 months in the Illinois Department of Corrections with one year of Mandatory Supervised Release, and he will have to pay the costs of the case.

On March 29, 2014, at approximately 1:00 a.m., the Jackson County Sheriff's Department observed a white Chevrolet Silverado Z71 traveling southbound in the 500 block of S. Illinois Avenue, a roadway designated for northbound traffic only, in Carbondale, Illinois. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle. The driver identified himself as the defendant, Brian Kramer. Kramer showed signs of intoxication and was subsequently arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. A review of Kramer's driving record also revealed that his driver's license was revoked for prior convictions for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

On May 7, 2014, the Jackson County State's Attorney's Office charged Kramer with Aggravated Driving Under the Influence, a Class 1 Felony; and Aggravated Driving While License Revoked, a Class 4 Felony. For the Class 1 Felony, Kramer was eligible to receive 4 to 15 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections with up to 4 years of Mandatory Supervised Release. The offense was aggravated because Kramer has four previous convictions for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. For the Class 4 Felony, Kramer could receive 1 to 3 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections with 1 year of Mandatory Supervised Release or up to 30 months of probation. The offense was aggravated because Kramer has four previous convictions for Driving While License Revoked, all of which occurred while his license was revoked for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

On February 23, 2015, Kramer pled guilty to the Aggravated Driving While License Revoked charge. He received 18 months in the Illinois Department of Corrections with 1 year of Mandatory Supervised Release, and he must pay the costs of the case.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. Assistant State's Attorney Patrick Brewster was responsible for the prosecution of this case.