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CARBONDALE MAN SENTENCED

TO PRISON FOR ESCAPE

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Carbondale resident, Charles Thomas, 23, was sentenced to the Department of Corrections for Escape.

On June 22, 2015, the defendant was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections after a probation violation. As he was being escorted to the holding cell at the Jackson County Courthouse, the defendant broke free of the security officer, broke out a glass window, and ran from the courthouse. After a several block chase, he was apprehended by police officers from the Carbondale Police Department who happened to be in the courthouse.

Thomas pled guilty to the charge on August 20, 2015. Escape is a Class 2 Felony. Thomas was sentenced to four (4) years in the Department of Corrections, followed by a period of two (2) years of Mandatory Supervised Release.

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