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## **CARBONDALE MAN CONVICTED OF AGGRAVATED DUI**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Carbondale resident was convicted of Aggravated DUI following a plea of guilty.

Clifton Williams, 38, of Carbondale, Illinois, pled guilty to Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, a Class 4 Felony, on June 1, 2015. On January 19, 2015, the Carbondale Police Department responded to 950 E. Main Street in Carbondale in regards to a reckless driver driving eastbound on Illinois Route 13. Officers located the vehicle minutes later driving with no headlights when required. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle, and the driver of the vehicle was identified as the defendant, Clifton Williams. The defendant smelled of a strong odor of alcoholic beverage, his eyes were bloodshot, and his speech was slurred. The defendant completed and failed Standard Field Sobriety Tests, but he refused to provide a breath sample to the officers. A review of the defendant's driving record indicated that his driver's license was suspended for a prior violation for Driving Under the Influence.

On January 20, 2015, the Jackson County State's Attorney's Office charged the defendant with one count of Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, a Class 4 Felony, and one count of Aggravated Driving While License Suspended, also a Class 4 Felony. On both counts, the defendant was eligible to serve up to three (3) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections or 30 months of probation. On June 1, 2015, the defendant pled guilty to Aggravated Driving Under the Influence and all other charges were dismissed. The defendant will serve 30 months of probation. He will complete an alcohol evaluation and any treatment pursuant to that evaluation, and he also must attend a victim impact panel held by Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

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