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### **DU QUOIN MAN SENTENCED FOR AGGRAVATED FLEEING TO ELUDE**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Du Quoin man was sentenced in Jackson County Circuit Court to the Department of Corrections for Aggravated Fleeing to Elude.

Cody M. Key, 23, of Du Quoin, Illinois, was convicted of Aggravated Fleeing to Elude, a Class 4 Felony, following an open plea of guilty on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

The evidence established that on December 21, 2014, at approximately 2:15 a.m., an officer of the Dowell Police Department was running stationary patrol at the intersection of Highway 51 and Union Avenue in Dowell, Illinois, near Van Zandt's Bar when he observed a dark colored four-door vehicle traveling northbound on Highway 51 at a high rate of speed. The officer activated his radar device which indicated that the vehicle was traveling in excess of 100 miles per hour in an area with a speed limit of 45 miles per hour. He began pursuit by activating his red and blue lights in an effort to get the vehicle to pull over. The driver did not comply and continued to increase the speed.

The vehicle was pursued into Du Quoin, Illinois. As it entered Du Quoin, the driver turned off its head lights, presumably to avoid the police. The vehicle then continued to travel at speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour through Du Quoin. The pursuit continued to North Washington Street in Du Quoin, where the vehicle ran stop signs at the intersections of Main and Washington, Park and Washington, and Cole and Washington.

The vehicle was eventually trapped behind Marshal Browning Hospital in Du Quoin. The two individuals got out of the vehicle and ran. One obeyed police commands to stop and was detained. He indicated that the driver of the vehicle was Cody Key.

Key, who has prior convictions for burglary and theft, was sentenced to serve three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by a period on one year of Mandatory Supervised Release upon his release.

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