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CARBONDALE MAN SENTENCED FOR THREATENING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Carbondale man was sentenced for Threatening a Public Official and Criminal Trespass to Real Property following a jury trial.

Daniel R. Hamilton, 41, of Carbondale, Ill., was convicted of Threatening a Public Official, a Class 3 Felony, and Criminal Trespass to Real Property, a Class B Misdemeanor, following a jury trial which was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015.

On December 14, 2014, officers with the Carbondale Police Department responded to the Good Samaritan House, located on Marion Street in Carbondale, for the report of a disturbance. Staff at the Good Samaritan House asked the defendant to leave the premises, and he refused. Upon arrival, officers learned that the defendant had been the cause of the disturbance and that he had been previously banned from the property. Hamilton was then placed under arrest for trespassing.

After the defendant was placed under arrest, he began threatening one of the officers. The defendant told the officer that he would kill him. The defendant then began telling the officer that he would kill members of his family. The defendant told the officer that he would kill his mother and father and his wife and children. The defendant's threats were recorded by the officer's squad car video camera.

During a sentencing hearing, which was held on April 15, 2015, the defendant was sentenced to 40 months in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The defendant will serve a period of Mandatory Supervised Release of one year upon his release from the Department of Corrections.

This investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Casey Bloodworth was responsible for the prosecution of this case.