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### JURY FINDS MAN GUILTY OF UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

Michael C. Carr announced today that Danny S. Garner, 33, of Marion, Illinois, was found guilty of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon following a jury trial that concluded on Tuesday, March 24, 2015.

The evidence showed that Garner, a previously convicted felon, possessed a firearm as he fled from police officers during the early morning hours of September 20, 2014. Sergeant Anthony Williams of the Carbondale Police Department observed Garner in the parking lot of Old National Bank on Illinois Avenue, known as the "strip" in Carbondale. Sgt. Williams observed a firearm on the passenger floorboard of a vehicle Garner was near. Before Williams was able to retrieve the firearm, Garner grabbed the firearm and began running in the direction of Pagliai's Pizza, across the street from Dairy Queen. Additional police officers were involved in the chase and were eventually able to secure Garner. During the pursuit, Garner discarded the firearm he was carrying, and it landed near the feet of one of the officers. The officers maintained a close eye on the firearm as it was released from Garner's hand.

Sentencing has been set for May 27, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon is a Class 3 Felony, which is punishable by two to ten years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. A convicted felon cannot lawfully possess a firearm.

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

