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CARBONDALE MAN SENTENCED TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR AGGRAVATED FLEEING TO ELUDE

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Carbondale resident, Gefferie Most, was sentenced for Aggravated Fleeing to Elude following a plea of guilty. Most was sentenced on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, to one year of incarceration in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by one year of mandatory supervised release, and he must pay the costs of the case.

On January 7, 2015, an Elkhville Police Officer was traveling southbound on Illinois Highway 51 when a 1996 Blue Geo, traveling northbound, passed the officer at a speed of 80 miles per hour. The posted speed limit in that area is 55 mph. The officer then began pursuit of the vehicle signaling with both lights and sirens for the vehicle to stop. The Geo turned westbound onto the Elkhville/Vergennes blacktop and continued to accelerate. During the pursuit, the Geo reached speeds near 100 mph and passed a school bus in a no passing zone. The vehicle was able to escape the officer, but thanks to a good Samaritan, the vehicle was located in a nearby barn near Shop Lane. The officer, with the assistance of the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, was able to locate the two occupants of the vehicle running along a tree line near the barn. One of the occupants, Gefferie Most, identified himself as the driver of the vehicle and admitted to running from the police.

On January 8, 2015, the Jackson County State's Attorney's Office charged Most with Aggravated Fleeing to Elude, a Class 4 Felony; Speeding 35 mph Over the Posted Speed Limit and Reckless Driving, both Class A Misdemeanors. For the Class 4 Felony, Most was eligible to receive 1 to 3 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections or 30 months of probation. On the Class A Misdemeanors, Most was eligible to receive 1 year in the Jackson County Jail or 24 months of probation. On February 5, 2015, Most agreed to plead guilty to the Class 4 Felony. This is Most's third felony conviction. He will serve one year in the Illinois Department of Corrections, one year of Mandatory Supervised Release, and he will pay the costs of the case.

The investigation was conducted by the Elkhville Police Department and the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. Assistant State's Attorney Patrick J. Brewster was responsible for the prosecution of this case.