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VERGENNES MAN IS SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR BURGLARY

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Vergennes man was sentenced September 17, 2014, for Burglary to the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Gerald D. Stroud, 29, of Vergennes, IL, who was charged in Jackson County Circuit Court with Burglary, was sentenced to serve 8 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The defendant will serve a three year period of Mandatory Supervised Release upon his release from the Department of Corrections.

On July 3, 2014, officers with the Carbondale Police Department were dispatched to Warehouse Liquors on East Main Street, Carbondale, Illinois, for the report of a burglary to that business. Upon arrival, officers noted forced entry had been made into the business and a number of items had been stolen. During the investigation, officers obtained video surveillance that showed a man with long facial hair burglarizing the business. The man concealed most of his face with a shirt.

During a canvass of the area, officers showed still images of the suspect to the manager at a neighboring hotel. That manager identified the suspect as an individual he believed to be staying in one of the rooms of the hotel. As officers were approaching that room, the defendant, Gerald Stroud, exited a different room and the manager identified him to police. Officers also noted that the defendant matched the physical appearance of the individual on video surveillance. During the investigation, officers identified a number of items stolen from the victim in the room the defendant was staying in.

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