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CARBONDALE MAN SENTENCED TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR RETAIL THEFT

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Carbondale resident, Jarvus M. Martin, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for Retail Theft following a plea of guilty on March 17, 2015. Martin will serve three (3) years in the Department of Corrections followed by one (1) year of Mandatory Supervised Release.

On January 7, 2015, at approximately 1:30 a.m., Carbondale Police Officers were dispatched to Wal-Mart in Carbondale in regards to a possible retail theft. Upon arrival, the officers were shown video surveillance depicting a suspect, later identified as Martin, entering the store and exiting with a cart full of merchandise. An Assistant Manager of Wal-Mart attempted to stop Martin in the parking lot, but he refused and left. The value of the merchandise was \$289.13.

A short time later, officers located Martin hiding in a dumpster behind the University Place Shopping Mall with the shopping cart and merchandise next to the dumpster. Martin was arrested and transported to the Carbondale Police Station where he admitted to stealing the items.

On January 7, 2015, the Jackson County State's Attorney's Office charged Martin with Retail Theft, a Class 4 Felony. On March 17, 2015, Martin pled guilty to the offense, and the case was set over for sentencing. Martin was eligible to serve one (1) to six (6) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections with one (1) year of Mandatory Supervised Release or thirty (30) months of probation.

On April 29, 2015, Martin was sentenced to serve three (3) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections with one (1) year of Mandatory Supervised Release. This is Martin's third theft related conviction, and his second conviction for Retail Theft. Martin was immediately remanded to the custody of the Jackson County Sheriff's Department.

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