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Joshua O. Lewis

### "DELIVERY MAN" ROBBER SENTENCED

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Joshua O. Lewis, 20, of Carbondale, was sentenced in Jackson County Court on April 30, 2015, to the Department of Corrections for his role in several armed robberies of restaurant delivery drivers in February of this year.

On February 22, 2015, the Carbondale Police Department was contacted by a delivery driver for a local restaurant. That driver indicated that he was sent to deliver a pizza to the area of 607 E. Park Street in Carbondale. Upon arrival, he encountered the defendant. The defendant threw something in the driver's face and then threw the driver up against the wall and to the ground. He then stood over the driver with a nine inch knife and demanded his money. The driver complied and gave the defendant all of his money and the pizza before fleeing.

On February 26, 2015, the Carbondale Police Department, having received more reports of robberies of delivery drivers, notified local restaurant owners to be on the lookout for any phone calls made from a particular phone number which had been used to place delivery orders in instances where drivers were robbed. Following that warning, a pizza delivery was ordered from that phone number and the Carbondale Police Department was notified. The police department set up a surveillance perimeter around the area where the pizza was to be delivered and a Carbondale police officer rode with the pizza delivery driver on this date. Upon arrival at the delivery location, the defendant began to approach the delivery vehicle and the Carbondale Police officer got out, identified himself as a policeman, and told the defendant to stop. When the defendant attempted to flee, he was tazed by the officer and arrested. Found on the ground

next to where he was detained was a knife. The defendant later admitted his involvement in the other incidents.

With regard to the robbery on February 22, 2015, the defendant pled guilty to one count of Armed Robbery and was sentenced to six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. This is a day-for-day sentence, which means that he will be eligible to get one day off of his sentence for each day he completes in prison without incident. He was given credit for time served and is subject to a three year Mandatory Supervised Release period upon his release from the Department of Corrections.

As for the February 26, 2015, incident, the defendant pled guilty to one count of Attempted Armed Robbery and was sentenced to a six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, which is also a day-for-day sentence. He is to receive credit for time served and will be subject to a two year Mandatory Supervised Release term upon his release from the Department of Corrections. These sentences will be served concurrently, meaning that they will be served at the same time.

This case was investigated by the Carbondale Police Department and was prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorney Mark Hamrock.