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DOWELL MAN SENTENCED

TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR DOMESTIC BATTERY

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Justin Bagley, 32, was sentenced to serve three (3) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, which will be followed by four (4) years of Mandatory Supervised Release, after admitting that he had violated a term of his probation sentence previously imposed by the court on the charge of Domestic Battery, a Class 4 Felony.

The original charge of Domestic Battery resulted from an incident that occurred on July 2, 2013, when an Elkhart Police Officer responded to an Elkhart residence after a 911 call was made. The victim reported that her boyfriend, Justin Bagley had struck her in the face. This charge was elevated to a Class 4 Felony due to the defendant having a prior domestic battery conviction. On September 16, 2014, the defendant plead guilty to the charge of domestic battery and the case was set for a contested sentencing hearing on November 12, 2014. At the sentencing hearing, the judge ordered that the defendant serve a period of thirty (30) months' probation, with certain terms and conditions to apply.

On April 14, 2015, a Petition to Revoke the defendant's probation was filed alleging that the defendant had violated the terms of his probation by committing several new offenses. On June 22, 2015, the defendant admitted to one of those probation violations, specifically, that he committed the new offense of Resisting a Peace Officer on April 13, 2015, by resisting the efforts of two Jackson County deputies when they were placing him under arrest for an unrelated criminal offense.

After that admission, the case was set for a contested sentencing hearing. At the sentencing hearing, the State presented multiple witnesses who testified of other probation violations and/or criminal offenses committed by the defendant while he was on probation. At the conclusion of the sentencing hearing, the judge sentenced the defendant to three (3) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, to be followed by four (4) years of mandatory supervised release. The defendant was extended term eligible, based on his prior criminal history, which means he was eligible for up to six (6) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

The original domestic battery charge was investigated by the Elkhville Police Department. The revocation offenses were investigated by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department and the Murphysboro Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Penny J. Pierson was responsible for the prosecution of this case.