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MURPHYSBORO MAN SENTENCED TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR AGGRAVATED UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Murphysboro resident, Manuel Shanklin, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon following a jury trial on November 3, 2014. Shanklin was sentenced on Thursday, January 8, 2015, to one year of incarceration with followed by one year of mandatory supervised release, and a \$1000 fine.

On October 17, 2013, two individuals were walking to their vehicle behind Kampus Kuts and Harbaugh's Café in Carbondale. As they entered the parking lot, they walked into a confrontation between two groups of males. The two individuals fled to their vehicle and called the police. As they got to their vehicle, they both heard a gun cock. The two individuals turned around and saw the defendant holding a handgun.

Shortly thereafter, the Carbondale Police responded to the scene. Three suspects fled westbound across South Illinois Avenue towards the Air Force ROTC building on the SIU campus. Officers were able to catch and detain all three individuals. One of the suspects identified himself as the defendant, Manuel Shanklin. At that time, a bystander approached the officers and informed them that he observed the defendant bend down at a set of stairs attached to the AIR Force ROTC building. Officers searched under the stairs and found a .45 Caliber Sig Saur handgun. The handgun was sent to the Illinois State Police Forensics Laboratory for DNA testing. The testing revealed that DNA consistent with that of the defendant's was found on the gun.

On November 3, 2014, a jury found the defendant guilty of the charge. Shanklin will report to the Jackson County Sheriff's Department at 10:00 a.m. on January 14, 2015 to serve his sentence.

The investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department and the Illinois State Police. Assistant State's Attorney Patrick J. Brewster was responsible for the prosecution of the case.