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**CARBONDALE MAN, MARCUS ANDERS, SENTENCED TO ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPON BY A
FELON**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Carbondale resident, Marcus Anders, age 31, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections after entering into a plea agreement on January 7, 2016.

On October 12, 2015, at approximately 8:00 p.m., officers from the Murphysboro Police Department were dispatched regarding an intoxicated driver. At the intersection of Hanson and North 7th Street, the officers observed a black Chrysler PT Cruiser disregard a stop sign. The officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle, and identified the driver as the defendant, Marcus Anders.

Under suspicion that the defendant was intoxicated, the officers requested that the defendant step out of the vehicle to perform standard field sobriety tests. After repeated requests, the defendant began to exit the vehicle. As the defendant was exiting the vehicle, he reached back into the vehicle to grab what appeared to be a handgun. The officers were able to restrain the defendant before he could reach the firearm and placed him in the back of a squad car. Officers then located a loaded Kel-Tec 9mm handgun in the driver's floorboard. The defendant has a prior Felony conviction for Possession of Crack Cocaine out of St. Louis, Missouri.

On October 12, 2015, the Jackson County State's Attorney's Office charged the defendant with Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon, a Class 3 Felony. The defendant was also charged with Driving Under the Influence and Driving While License Suspended, both Class A Misdemeanors.

On January 7, 2016, the defendant pled guilty to the first count of Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon. The defendant was sentenced to two (2) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections with one year of mandatory supervised release.

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