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CARBONDALE MAN FOUND GUILTY OF DOMESTIC BATTERY CHARGE

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Michael Oliver, 36, was found guilty of Domestic Battery following a jury trial on June 19, 2015.

The evidence presented at trial showed that a Carbondale Police Officer was dispatched to the Memorial Hospital of Carbondale due to a report of the victim of a domestic battery seeking medical care. The police officer testified that upon meeting with the victim, he immediately saw severe swelling and bruising on her face, chest, and arms. The victim testified that the defendant slapped her, punched her, and beat her with a belt the previous afternoon. Once she was dropped off at the hospital on November 15, the victim immediately asked that the hospital call the police so the beating could be reported. The victim testified that she had received additional injuries that were not immediately visible to the responding officer. The defendant was arrested shortly after the officer spoke to the victim and he remained in jail awaiting trial.

After the jury returned its verdict, the judge revoked Oliver's bond and he will remain in the Jackson County Jail to await sentencing, which has been set for August 19, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. The charge of Domestic Battery for which the defendant was found guilty, is a Class 4 Felony. Due to his prior criminal record, the defendant is eligible for an extended term of up to six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

The investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Penny J. Pierson was responsible for the prosecution of this case.