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## **CARBONDALE MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON**

### **FOR AGGRAVATED ROBBERY**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that on May 18, 2015, a Carbondale man was convicted of Aggravated Robbery and was sentenced to prison.

Raymond McCollum, 20, of Carbondale, Illinois, pled guilty in Jackson County Circuit Court to the charge of Aggravated Robbery, a Class 1 Felony.

He was sentenced to serve eight (8) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections and will serve a two (2) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release upon his release from the Department of Corrections.

On January 21, 2015, a male victim was leaving his apartment on South Beverage Street in Carbondale when he was approached by an African American male, later identified as Raymond McCollum. McCollum asked for a drink of water, and when the victim said no, McCollum pushed him back into his apartment and produced a handgun which appeared to be a semi-automatic pistol. The intruder demanded money and the victim, who is a resident of India, gave him \$200 in Indian Rupees. The victim was eventually able to force McCollum out of the apartment and call the police. McCollum fled the scene. The investigation developed the defendant as a suspect. On March 3, 2015, the Carbondale Police Department executed a search warrant at the defendant's residence on South Oakland Street. During the search, they located approximately \$190 in Indian Rupees along with a black and silver airsoft pellet pistol. The victim identified the pistol as being the one used by the intruder during the robbery.

This investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Mark Hamrock was responsible for prosecuting this case.