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## **CARBONDALE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO** **AGGRAVATED DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Shawn Johnson, 45, a resident of Carbondale, Illinois, pled guilty to Aggravated Driving Under the Influence on June 8, 2015.

On January 14, 2015, the Carbondale Police Department responded to a report of a drunk driver near the intersection of East Walnut Street and South Wall Street. Officers located the vehicle parked at the Circle K gas station. The officers waited for the vehicle to leave the establishment when the vehicle went southbound on South Wall Street. The officers observed the defendant driving the vehicle without a seatbelt and conducted a traffic stop. The defendant had a strong odor of alcohol coming from his breath and he also had slurred speech. The defendant performed and failed Standard Field Sobriety Tests, but he failed to provide a breath sample.

On February 4, 2015, the Jackson County State's Attorney's Office charged the defendant with Aggravated Driving Under the Influence, a Class 2 Felony. This was the

defendant's fourth violation for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol in the State of Illinois. The defendant was eligible to receive up to 3 to 14 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, and is not eligible to receive probation. On June 8, 2015, the defendant pled guilty to the charge, and will serve three (3) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections with one (10 year of mandatory supervised release.

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