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**TERRANCE GODFREY OF CARBONDALE SENTENCED TO PRISON
FOR CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, AGGRAVATED BATTERY TO A POLICE
OFFICER, DISARMING A POLICE OFFICER, AND ATTEMPT ESCAPE**

Michael C. Carr, States Attorney for Jackson County, announced today that Terrance D. Godfrey, 43, of Carbondale, Illinois, was sentenced to serve a total of One Hundred and Twenty-Five (125) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for Criminal Sexual Assault, Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer, Disarming A Police Officer and Attempt Escape. The offenses occurred in Carbondale on February 22, 2015.

After hearing compelling victim impact statements from the sexual assault victim and others who were seriously impacted by the crime and reviewing the defendant's extensive criminal history the court sentenced Godfrey to twenty (20) years for each count of three Criminal Sexual Assault counts, thirty (30) years each for the charges of Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer and Attempting to Disarm a Police Officer, and five (5) years for the charge of Attempted Escape. Each of these sentences was ordered to run consecutively for a total of 125 years.

The evidence established that Godfrey gained admittance to a party being held at a Carbondale apartment and then, hours after the residents had gone to bed, entered the bedroom of one of the female residents and sexually assaulted her. When arrested by Carbondale police, Godfrey attacked the officer at the police station, tried to escape and then, during his capture, tried to disarm the police officer.

This investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department. State's Attorney Michael Carr and Assistant State's Attorney Abigail Dinn were responsible for the prosecution of this case.