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CARBONDALE MAN SENTENCED FOR SEPARATE INCIDENTS OF AGGRAVATED BATTERY

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Tony A. Johnson, was sentenced on April 1, 2015, for two separate cases in Jackson County court. Johnson, 32, of Carbondale, was found guilty of Aggravated Battery to a Carbondale Police Officer and Disorderly Conduct for threatening to shoot a Carbondale business owner with a gun following a jury trial earlier this year. Following that trial, Johnson pled guilty to a separate offense of Aggravated Battery for kicking and striking an inmate while both were being held in the Jackson County Jail.

The evidence in the Aggravated Battery of a Police Officer showed that Johnson threatened to shoot a co-owner of Curbside on February 28, 2014, after a dispute erupted within the business. Carbondale Officers responded to Curbside, and Johnson was arrested. Carbondale Police Officer Raul Contreras transported Johnson to the Carbondale Police Department for routine processing, but as Officer Contreras attempted to have Johnson exit his squad car, Johnson became aggressive with the officer and a struggle ensued. Officer Contreras was able to subdue Johnson on the ground, but Johnson kicked Officer Contreras in the head before additional officers arrived to assist. The aggravated battery was captured on video surveillance at the Carbondale Police Department. The Carbondale Police Department was responsible for the investigation of this case.

The other Aggravated Battery case occurred when Johnson was being held at the Jackson County Jail awaiting trial. Johnson battered another inmate by kicking and striking him, causing great bodily harm to the inmate. This incident was also captured on video surveillance from the Jackson County Jail. The Jackson County Sheriff's Department was responsible for the investigation of this case.

The defendant was sentenced to serve three (3) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the charge of Aggravated Battery of a Police Officer, a Class 2 Felony, and four (4) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the charge of Aggravated Battery/Great Bodily Harm, a Class 3 Felony. Both of these charges will run consecutively with the other along with a third Jackson County case of Resisting a Police Officer, which caused injury to the officer, for which Johnson is currently serving a two (2) year sentence in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Assistant State's Attorneys Penny J. Pierson and Rebecca Blomer were responsible for the prosecution of these cases.