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JACOB W. LANGLEY, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR AGGRAVATED BATTERY TO A CHILD

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Carbondale, Illinois, man was sentenced to prison on July 27, 2016, for Aggravated Battery to a Child, a Class 3 Felony.

Jacob W. Langley, 22, Carbondale, who was charged in Jackson County Circuit Court with Aggravated Battery to a Child, a Class 3 Felony, was sentenced to serve three (3) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The defendant will serve a period of Mandatory Supervised Release of one (1) year upon his release from the Department of Corrections.

On December 22, 2015, Deputies and Detectives with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department became involved in an investigation into possible child abuse. The victim was an eight month old child. During the investigation, Detectives spoke with the mother, who ultimately provided photographs she had taken of a human bite mark on the child's arm. The mother had taken the photographs approximately four months prior to the Sheriff's Department being dispatched. The mother indicated that the child had been in the child's father's care when the bite mark occurred.

Detectives ultimately interviewed the child's father, Jacob Langley. Initially the defendant denied any knowledge of the bite mark. Upon further questioning, however, the defendant admitted to biting his son's arm, leaving the mark.

On May 5, 2016, the defendant entered into an "open plea" to Aggravated Battery to a Child and a sentencing hearing was scheduled. On July 27, 2016, the Court was presented with evidence and arguments regarding aggravating and mitigating circumstances, and imposed the prison sentence outlined above.

This investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. Assistant State's Attorney Casey Bloodworth prosecuted this case.