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**KENNETH RAGANS, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED
TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
FOR AGGRAVATED BATTERY AND UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Carbondale resident, Kenneth Ragans, 25, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections following a sentencing hearing on August 10, 2016.

On July 1, 2014, Carbondale Police investigated a report of a 17-year-old female who stated that while she was watching a movie with Ragans he made unwanted contact with her. When she attempted to leave the residence, he refused to let her leave by pulling a box cutter and threatening to harm her, and by standing in the doorway to prohibit her from leaving. The victim reported that during her attempt to leave, she was cut on the hand with the box cutter. Police noted injury to the female's hand, and after searching the residence, found evidence of blood in and around the residence, as well as a box cutter and other weapons.

Ragans pled guilty to Aggravated Battery and Unlawful Restraint on December 9, 2014, and was sentenced to probation for a term of thirty (30) months with certain terms imposed by the Court with which he was to comply. He did not comply with the terms as ordered, and a Petition to Revoke his probation was filed on March 24, 2016. Ragans entered an admission to the Petition to Revoke and was resentenced on August 10, 2016, to serve three (3) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the Aggravated Battery charge and three (3) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the Unlawful Restraint charge. Both sentences will be served concurrently and will be followed by a one (1) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release.

The original investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Penny J. Pierson was responsible for the prosecution of this case.