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BILLY JACK REED, MURPHYSBORO, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR AGGRAVATED BATTERY

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Billy Jack Reed, 21, of Murphysboro, Illinois, pled guilty to the charge of Aggravated Battery in court on November 10, 2016, and was sentenced to serve two years (2) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, which will be followed by a one (1) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release.

On August 13, 2016, the defendant, along with an accomplice, battered a male by using a taser on him and pulling a knife on him outside a Murphysboro residence. The victim advised deputies that he had gone to the residence to pick up his girlfriend and when he exited his vehicle, two men ran to him and one of the men began to tase him. A brief struggle ensued, during which the victim was able to reenter his vehicle, but this defendant entered the vehicle on the passenger side and displayed a knife. The victim, after a further struggle, was able to drive away from the two men. The victim reported the incident to the police and was able to provide one of the suspect's names. Through investigation, the identity of the second suspect was determined to be Billy Jack Reed.

The charge of Aggravated Battery for which the defendant was sentenced is a Class 3 Felony, and due to this defendant's prior criminal history, the penalty range for this offense is up to two (2) to ten (10) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. Assistant State's Attorney Penny J. Pierson was responsible for the prosecution of this case.