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### **MATTHEW WALTHER, MARION, SENTENCED TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR THEFT**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Marion resident, Matthew Walther, 37, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for Theft following a plea of guilty. He was sentenced on Thursday, November 10, 2016, to three (3) years of incarceration for Theft followed by a one (1) year period of mandatory supervised release.

On September 19, 2016, and October 15, 2016, Matthew Walther, while employed at Midwest Cash in Carbondale, Illinois, stole at least 10 diamond rings, valued at \$4,494.90. Video surveillance at the store captured Walther taking the rings out of the display cabinets and replacing them with fake rings. After taking the rings from Midwest Cash, Walther sold them to private individuals he contacted on Craigslist and to other pawn shops in the area for money. When confronted by store employees, Walther confessed to stealing the rings. He said he stole the rings for money to support his drug addiction. Walther was taken into custody and transported to the Carbondale Police Department. There, he again admitted to taking all of the rings in question.

Walther has a criminal history in St. Louis, Missouri, consisting of two convictions for burglary, two convictions for stealing, a conviction for theft over \$500, and a conviction for forgery.

This case was investigated by the Carbondale Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Abigail Dinn was responsible for the prosecution of this case.