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**BILLY L. HARRIS, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED  
TO TWELVE YEARS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
FOR RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Billy L. Harris, 52, of Carbondale, Illinois, pled guilty to the charge of Residential Burglary on November 21, 2016, and on December 19, 2016, was sentenced to serve twelve (12) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, which will be followed by a three (3) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release.

On August 28, 2016, in the early morning hours, Billy L. Harris, entered into a residential apartment unit on West College Street in Carbondale without permission. A laptop was taken from the apartment. The resident was home and called the Carbondale Police Department and provided a physical description of the intruder to the dispatcher. Within minutes, Carbondale Police officers located Billy L. Harris walking near where the residential burglary had just occurred. Harris was in possession of the resident's laptop that had been taken. The resident positively identified Harris as the man he saw in his apartment.

The investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Rebecca L. Blomer was responsible for the prosecution of this case.