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DE SHUN BROOKS, CARBONDALE, **SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that on January 3, 2017, De Shun Brooks, age 28, Carbondale, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to the charges of Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon and Theft.

In the early morning hours of October 28, 2016, Carbondale Police officers responded to West Chautauqua Street in reference to a residential burglary that had just occurred. Officers utilized a canine to conduct a track of the suspect. During the course of the tracking, officers encountered De Shun Brooks, who was found to be in possession of a firearm and stolen property. In that Brooks is a convicted felon under the laws of the State of Illinois, he cannot lawfully possess firearms. As a result, Brooks was charged with Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon, a Class 3 Felony. He was also charged with Theft for being in possession of stolen property. He was sentenced to serve four (4) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, which will be followed by a one (1) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release.

The investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department. Assistant State's Attorneys Mark Hamrock and Rebecca Blomer were responsible for the prosecution of the cases.