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SHAHERE LARK, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR HOME INVASION

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Carbondale man, Shahere S. Lark, age 20, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for Home Invasion, a Class X Felony.

On July 9, 2016, officers from the Carbondale Police Department responded to a report of a home invasion at an apartment located on East College Street. The victim reported that he was asleep in his living room when he awoke to see a black male standing in the threshold of his front door. The victim began yelling at the suspect to leave the residence when another black male came down the stairs leading to the upstairs of the apartment. This second male was holding a handgun, which he pointed at the victim, ordered him to go into the bedroom where he demanded the victim's wallet. The two men then fled from the residence after removing \$20 cash from the wallet. The handgun was later determined to be a BB gun.

An officer on scene recalled seeing two black males running in the area at approximately the time of the incident. The Jackson County Sheriff's Office arrived at the scene and deployed a K-9 partner to track the suspects. The K-9 track led directly to a van parked a few blocks away occupied by two males fitting the description provided by the victim. The males were identified as Shahere Lark and a juvenile. The BB gun was also located in the van. The males were taken into custody and Lark was later positively identified by the victim. Lark later admitted to the crime.

Lark pled guilty to Home Invasion on December 15, 2016. A sentencing hearing was held on February 15, 2017, and Lark was sentenced to serve eight (8) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed with three (3) years of Mandatory Supervised Release upon his release from prison.

The investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department and the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. Assistant State's Attorney Casey E. A. Bloodworth was responsible for the prosecution of this case.