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CARBONDALE MAN SENTENCED TO 19 YEARS IN PRISON FOR AGGRAVATED BATTERY WITH A FIREARM

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Carbondale man was sentenced to prison for Aggravated Battery with a Firearm on May 10, 2017.

Willie Williams, Jr., 20, of Carbondale, Illinois, was sentenced to serve nineteen (19) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by a three (3) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release upon his release from the Department of Corrections. The defendant must serve at least 85% of this sentence.

On July 9, 2016, at approximately 4:30 a.m., officers with the Carbondale Police Department responded to a report of a person being shot in the 200 Block of West Cherry Street, Carbondale, Illinois. The victim and his girlfriend reported to police that they had been asleep in their residence when they were suddenly awoken by two masked intruders.

The victims reported that the intruders were looking through their bedroom for property to steal. After the victims woke up, both intruders brandished firearms and demanded money from the victims. As the victim was reaching for money to give to the intruders, one of the intruders, ultimately identified as the defendant, shot him in the leg. Both intruders then fled the victims' residence.

Approximately 15 minutes after the initial report, officers were able to track some of the victims' stolen property to a nearby apartment. When officers arrived, they located and arrested the defendant outside of that apartment. Upon entering the apartment, officers located and identified the other intruder, who was a juvenile. Officers also located all the victims' stolen property and the firearm used to shoot the victim.

This investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department and the Illinois State Police Division of Forensic Services. Assistant State's Attorney Casey Bloodworth prosecuted this case.