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DEREK E. DONNELLY, MURPHYSBORO, SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR DOMESTIC BATTERY AND VIOLATION OF AN ORDER OF PROTECTION

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Derek E. Donnelly, 28, Murphysboro, Illinois, and was sentenced to serve time in the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to the charges of Domestic Battery and Violation of an Order of Protection.

Donnelly was on charges of Domestic Battery, a Class 4 Felony, for striking and kicking his girlfriend while inside a residence they shared on March 23, 2017. Following the arrest, the victim was granted an Order of Protection which prohibited the defendant from initiating any contact with her. Between the dates of March 27 and April 2, 2017, while Donnelly was incarcerated, he made numerous phone calls to the victim. He was subsequently charged with Violation of an Order of Protection, also a Class 4 Felony.

On June 22, 2017, Donnelly entered guilty pleas to both charges and was sentenced to serve consecutive terms of two (2) years on each charge in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by a four (4) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release upon his release from prison.

The investigations were conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. Assistant State's Attorney Penny Pierson was responsible for the prosecution of these cases.