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JOHN CRABTREE, GORHAM, SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR AGGRAVATED DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that John Crabtree, 60, of Gorham, Illinois, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to the charge of Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

On August 26, 2016, a Carbondale police officer observed a vehicle driving erratically and conducted a traffic stop. Upon approach of the vehicle, the officer immediately observed the driver, later identified as John Crabtree, to have very bloodshot and glossy eyes as well as slurred speech. Crabtree had a strong odor of alcohol on his breath and admitted to drinking about three to four beers. When asked to perform Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, he displayed multiple signs of impairment during each test. Crabtree was put under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and subsequently charged with Aggravated Driving Under the Influence as this was Crabtree's sixth DUI.

On June 27, 2017, Crabtree pled guilty to the charge of Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, a Class 2 Felony, and was sentenced to serve three (3) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by a two (2) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release upon his release from prison.

The investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Abigail Dinn was responsible for the prosecution of the case.