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**JAMES L. SMITH, 31, JONESBORO, SENTENCED TO
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR AGGRAVATED BATTERY**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that James L. Smith, 31, of Jonesboro, Illinois, was sentenced on July 31, 2017, to thirty-three (33) months in the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to the charge of Aggravated Battery.

On April 30, 2017, Jackson County Deputies responded to a report of a stabbing in Grand Tower, Illinois. The victim reported that he was on his way home when James L. Smith stopped him. After a confrontation, Smith punched the victim and then stabbed in the hand.

Aggravated Battery is a Class 3 Felony. Upon his release from prison, Smith will serve one (1) year of Mandatory Supervised Release.

This case was investigated by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. Assistant State's Attorney Penny J. Pierson was responsible for the prosecution of the case.