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APOLLO D. DAVIS SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY AND RELATED CHARGES

On September 27, 2017, following a three-day jury trial, a Jackson County Jury returned guilty verdicts on five criminal counts against Apollo D. Davis, 31, of Carbondale for one count of Residential Burglary, two counts of Burglary, one count of Possession of a Stolen Firearm, and one count of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon.

Davis was indicted by a Grand Jury on these charges on April 12, 2017. On August 22, 2016, officers with the De Soto Police Department responded to the report of a burglary to a house located outside of De Soto on Highway 51. Due to previous break-ins, trail cameras had been installed within the house. The images captured by the trail cameras depicted an individual inside the house on multiple dates in the month of August. The individual was identified by law enforcement as Apollo Davis. Records and surveillance videos from local pawn shops were located that depicted Davis pawning stolen items from the property located on Highway 51.

On October 15 and October 16, 2016, officers from the Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to burglaries of a house located to the east of Highway 51, outside of De Soto. Crime Scene Investigators with the Sheriff's Office located fingerprints on items within the house. The fingerprints were sent to the Illinois State Police Crime Laboratory in Springfield, where a fingerprint analyst determined the fingerprint collected at the house belonged to Apollo Davis.

A search warrant was executed on Davis' place of residence in Carbondale where a number of items of stolen property was recovered, including a firearm that had been stolen during a residential burglary of a home on Landfill Road in De Soto, occurring in September 2016. Through the course of the investigation by the De Soto Police Department and the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Davis was developed as a suspect for the residential burglary. Due to the defendant's status as a convicted felon under the laws of the State of Illinois, he cannot lawfully possess firearms.

The sentencing hearing took place on December 4, 2017. At the hearing, the residents of the home Davis burglarized provided victim impact statements to the Court. After hearing the arguments of the prosecution and the defense, the Court sentenced Davis to serve twenty-eight (28) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The sentence is eligible to receive day-for-day credit and will be followed by a three-year period of Mandatory Supervised Release.

This case was investigated by the DeSoto Police Department and Jackson County Sheriff's Office. Assistant State's Attorney Rebecca Blomer was responsible for the prosecution of this case.