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JOSHUA HEWLETT, JOHNSTON CITY, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR BURGLARY

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that on December 19, 2017, Joshua Hewlett, age 27, of Johnston City, Illinois, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections after entering a plea of guilty to the offense of Burglary, a Class 2 Felony.

In October 2017, Hewlett stole a purse and a cellular phone from a vehicle that was parked on High Street in Carbondale. Police were able to use the phone's tracking device to track the phone to locate a vehicle traveling on Interstate 57 in Marion, Illinois. Hewlett, who was one of the occupants of the vehicle, admitted that he had taken the property and used the victim's debit card which was contained in her purse. He provided the location of the purse which was later recovered.

He 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 the Department of Corrections.

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

